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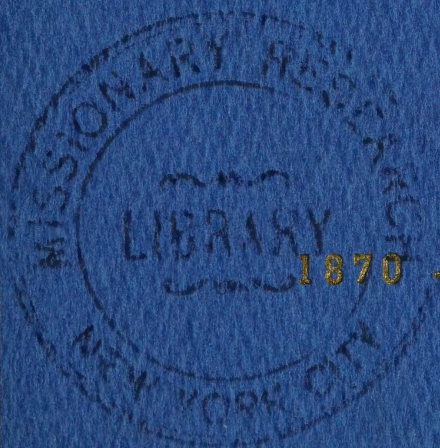

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THE words "Room 48" still conjure up in the minds of hundreds of Presbyterian women in the middle western States memories of hard work, of happy service together, of blessed associations, and of inspired visions of a world-wide society of brothers and sisters, guided by one Heavenly Father. "Woman's Board of the Northwest" speaks to an even wider group of women in the same pictures. And, although many of the women who cherish these memories are still comparatively young women, the picture may soon fade unless it is painted in a more permanent medium than women's minds. Hence this effort to conserve at least some of the high lights of that picture.

"Room 48" and "The Woman's Board of the Northwest" were, in a sense, one and the same, even as the heart of a man and the man himself are one and the same. For it was through the throbbing, pulsing effort at "Room 48", after it had been opened, that the Board of the Northwest grew, and from "Room 48" that the larger Board day by day received the ever renewed stream of its life. While our verbs are in the past tense, that life is still going on from other centers with ever renewed strength and hope.

The Board of the Northwest was one of the very early groups of women incorporated for the promotion of missionary work. The first such society of which we have any record in the United States, was the Women's Union Missionary Society of New York, organized in 1861. Interestingly enough, considering today's trend toward union, that group was a union group, including six denominations. In 1865 a representative from that society, a Miss Dyson, came to Chicago and spoke at a series of "parlor meetings" of those things which women could do to help vitally in the growth and development of work on the foreign mission fields. The women in Chicago were much interested and their interest continued to grow, until a few leading spirits began to feel that this interest should be built into some concrete form. And so, in the fall of 1868, Mrs. R. W. Patterson, the wife of the pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church—then located on the corner of Wabash Avenue and Washington Boulevard

—invited a group of women to meet at her home for a conference on the subject. By this time the New England Foreign Missionary Society had also been organized and Mrs. Patterson announced to her conference that letters had come from each of these two Eastern organizations, inviting the women of the Second Church to become auxiliary to them and to help in their work. Again the Chicago women were interested, but took no definite action.

A little later the Reverend S. J. Humphrey, who was stationed in Chicago as the Field representative of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, which was then the men's Board of Foreign Missions for the Congregational and Presbyterian Churches, invited a large group of Congregational and Presbyterian women to meet him in the parlors of the Second Presbyterian Church, and there, once more, they heard of the organization and work of these two Eastern women's societies. But a new suggestion was made by Dr. Humphrey. Chicago was separated from New York and Boston by many miles, and transportation to and from those cities was not the mere trifle that it is today, either for mail or for passengers. Would it not be more practical to organize a third Society out here in Chicago, through which women of the west could serve this great missionary cause? There was great need and increasing opportunity for women's work in the foreign mission field, for it was daily becoming clearer that men missionaries were unable to reach the secluded women of non-Christian lands, and women workers on the foreign field needed the backing of Christian women at home. The proposition was that a Woman's Board be formed in Chicago, working with and through all churches which were auxiliary to the American Board in the Northwestern States.

The suggestions and thought of the preceding years had prepared the soil for the sowing and there was unanimous approval of this new idea. A general meeting of representative women from the Congregational and Presbyterian Churches was called, a Secretary from the American Board in New York was invited to come out and address the meeting, and the new Woman's Board was organized, on October 27, 1868, under the name of "The Woman's Board of the Interior."

Under this new Board, Congregational and Presbyterian women worked together happily for two years, but, in 1870, the two great

divisions of the Presbyterian Church, the Old School and the New School, reunited, thus doubling the work and responsibility of that denomination. The Presbyterian men withdrew from the American Board to form their own organization, and it therefore seemed wise for Presbyterian women to enlist in the support of purely Presbyterian work. In that same year, 1870, a group of Presbyterian women in each of three cities, Philadelphia, Chicago, and New York, organized societies to care for the Foreign Mission work of the women of their denomination in their respective districts. We find the following words concerning the division of the Board of the Interior into Congregational and Presbyterian Societies, in Chicago: "It was a sad morning when we told of our decision and many tears were shed. But not the least ill-feeling has ever been harbored by either denomination."

On December 17, 1870, this new Presbyterian Society was formed. The names of the women who made up this first group are worth remembering, for theirs was a pioneer service, creative, faithful, persistent, and full of vision. Yes, and full of love. We find them working tirelessly and with happy faith, many of them for long years, against obstacles of which the modern woman has little comprehension. That gallant little band was made up of Miss E. Andrews, Mrs. William Blair, Mrs. E. D. Ely, Mrs. J. V. Farwell, Mrs. William C. Goudy, Mrs. George A. Gibbs, Mrs. Le Roy J. Halsey, Mrs. Arthur Kittredge, Mrs. George H. Laflin, Mrs. Arthur Mitchell, Mrs. Cyrus H. McCormick, Mrs. R. W. Patterson, Mrs. L. Reid, Mrs. Arthur Swazey, Mrs. Glen Wood. And two of these names, Mrs. William Blair and Mrs. Cyrus H. McCormick, were still on the list of its members fifty years later, when the Board closed its service as an individual Board, in 1921.

There was some question as to whether this new society should work equally for Home and Foreign Missions. Some did not think this combination work would be practical, but the feeling for union was strong and carried the day. However, there were those who felt the union might not last and, to avoid the necessity of a possible later change of name, the new Board became simply the "Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest." By the end of the first year this had proved a wise decision, for, by unanimous vote of the auxiliary societies, the union was dissolved, and, from

that time on, the work of the Board of the Northwest was for Foreign Missions only.

The territory under the care of this first Board of the Northwest was very large—impractically large when one considers the inadequate transportation of those days. It was bounded on the east and west by Western Ohio and the Pacific coast, and on the north and south by the Canadian border and the Ohio River, and included Kentucky for good measure—an enormous field with which to keep in touch, and one that was only sparsely settled, largely by people who had journeyed to the west to settle in a new country and build new communities. It was truly a pioneer work among a pioneer people. There were only twenty-four women's missionary societies already in existence in that entire territory and the first work of the new Board was the organization of new societies. Even before such organization, it was found necessary to win for the new work the sympathy of the ministers in whose churches these societies were to be formed. Many of these men quite honestly disbelieved in women's public service. To convert them to this idea and effect the organization of women's societies entailed a vast amount of personal effort and tact on the part of the members of the new Board.

From the first, the women of the Board of the Northwest took this new work as a serious obligation. The constitution which they drew up for their own governing provided that "a meeting shall be holden each month for mutual consultation, and the adoption of such measures as the prosperity of the mission work may suggest." In a very short time these meetings were to become weekly and, as long as the Board remained a separate organization, its members attended these weekly meetings with remarkable fidelity, a fidelity which is only born of love. To start their work, they brought with them from the Board of the Interior one missionary, Miss Jennie Dean of Persia. They also straightway adopted under their care two who were already on the field, Mrs. Kelso of India and Mrs. Leyenberger of China. Thus, the new Board started its work with twenty-four home societies and three missionaries on the field.

The corresponding secretaries, Mrs. William Blair and Mrs. George H. Laflin, wrote countless letters by hand, to assist organized societies and to encourage the organization of new ones. We find the following sentence in one of their reports: "Our policy was

'many small gifts, from self-denial, that we might never decrease our husbands' contributions to the Church,—and very small expenses'." The Board had no office, no paid workers, and very little printing was done. Most of the writing was done by hand.

Mrs. R. W. Patterson, wife of the pastor of the Second Church, was the first president of the Board and held that position until the spring of 1874, when Mrs. A. H. Hoge was made president, retaining the position for twelve years.

Shortly after the organization of the Board, came the great Chicago Fire, in 1871. Naturally it had its effect on the work, but, by the spring of 1872, the Board was ready to hold its first annual meeting in the Third Presbyterian Church, on West Washington Street, Chicago. By that time it had on its rolls seventy women's missionary societies, twelve bands, and seven missionaries. Its gifts for the first sixteen months of its life amounted to $6074.72. A few very interesting sentences from the report of the Secretary of that meeting read as follows: "It is now ten years since the first organization of a woman's missionary society in New York City, to work for the elevation of woman in heathen countries. Three and one-half years ago the ladies of the Northwest formed a similar society in the Congregational and Presbyterian Churches, to labor under the auspices of the American Board of Foreign Missions. After the consolidation of the two branches of the Presbyterian Church, two years past, and the division of the Foreign Mission fields, it was deemed expedient that the Presbyterian ladies should co-operate with the Board of Missions of their own Church. Three societies were accordingly formed as centres, one in New York, one in Philadelphia, and our own in Chicago. Although we organized in December 1870, only $2 was paid into the treasury previous to April 1871. Since that time the interest in the work for missions has increased in our Churches, as our finances, the tangible result of interest, will show. * * * * The interest of our work has been greatly deepened by the greetings of our Philadelphia sisters and by our consultations in regard to our mutual work. Noble women they were, we said. But when they gave our society a donation of $120, after the fire, so that we might be able to hold on our way in the work, what could we say? Words are useless. May the Lord bless them and their labor."

Stilted in form as these words may sound today, the spirit back

of them was far from stilted; it was eager and active. In the face of what might be called at least a questioning attitude held by the world in general toward any aggressive public work on the part of women, the members of this Board decided that their cause would be greatly furthered if they did do something a bit aggressive and so, after much correspondence and arranging, they were able to secure Mrs. S. J. Rhea, formerly a missionary in Persia, to make a limited tour of the Churches, and her effectiveness was shown by the fact that, wherever she was allowed to speak, women's missionary societies were formed. Throughout the years that followed, Mrs. Rhea continued this work from time to time with wonderful results. At this time, also, the Board of the Northwest joined with the Philadelphia Board in the publication of a quarterly magazine, through which "we have endeavored to keep the auxiliary societies informed in regard to our home work, and the life of our missionaries." "This little paper" said its editors, "contains letters from missionaries on foreign fields; gives information concerning the progress of the cause among the churches at home; and seeks to increase the spirit of consecration among Christian women in this land. This pamphlet, *Woman's Work for Women,* will be issued every two months at the price of fifty cents a year, payable in advance." Two years later this was made a monthly paper, with the price increased to sixty cents a year.

Already the minds of the women of this new Board looked far ahead to problems which must be solved before they really became serious, problems with which the women of the Board continued to struggle for many years. These far-seeing women, through travelling secretary, through letter, and through magazine, urged auxiliaries to give their contributions to particular fields or Stations, rather than to Special Objects, saying, "Let it be our effort to identify ourselves with the great work, lest by confining our interest to the lesser, our sympathies lose their hold of the greater field."

Many stories of the problems which faced these women are told to us today as humorous incidents, but, to those who were meeting them, they were serious enough. There was a very prevalent and strong prejudice against the appearance of women on a public platform and to appear before a mixed audience was almost brazen boldness. When a minister or officer of the church strayed into one of these women's meetings, the customary thing was to stop the meeting

until the man or men had withdrawn. The first Field Secretary of the Board was plead with by a clergyman cousin of hers, "never to speak before a mixed audience." In spite of these deep prejudices, the earnest work of this little group of women made itself felt and finally won the approval of the men. In 1875, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church passed the following resolution: "Inasmuch as the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church employs no one to represent and promote its interest in Foreign Missions in the West, the Woman's Board is authorized to carry on this work, using its own methods, independent of other control." The women had certainly proved themselves.

Before this recognition, however, the Board had grown to the point where it was found necessary to have a central office, from which to carry on its work, and to engage a paid office secretary to care for the work in this office. The first office was taken in August, 1873. It consisted of two rooms in the "McCormick Block" which had just been completed and was on Randolph Street, near Dearborn. The first meeting was held in the new rooms on August 29, 1873. The number on the outer door was "48" and, through all its later movings, the Board retained a "48" on its outer door, through the kindness of various landlords, in order that its widely scattered correspondents might not have to learn a new number. Gradually the Board rooms became known far and wide as "Room 48." After the name had been used for nearly forty years, Mrs. William Blair, one of the early members of the Board of the Northwest, said, "Forty-eight is no longer with us a number or a sign, but a hallowed word." The office of the Board remained in the McCormick Block until 1900, a period of twenty-seven years. During the life of Mr. Cyrus H. McCormick, this office was free of rent to the Board, due to his great kindness and interest in the work. The first office secretary was Miss S. B. Stebbins, who stayed in the Board offices for an even longer period, for thirty-three years. A more direct and tangible work with the auxiliary societies was possible as soon as permanent rooms were established. A reference and loan library on subjects related to foreign missions was started and the latest missionary literature and magazines and maps were kept for consultation.

In 1875 the Board was incorporated under the State of Illinois and was, thereby, entitled to hold property and to receive gifts and bequests for its work. Under this charter, the object of the Board

was "to promote an interest among the Christian women and young people of the Northwest in the work of Foreign Missions, and to work in cooperation with the Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church. A simple object, but certainly very inclusive. The government and control of the corporation was to be vested in an Executive Committee of ninety members, and a Board of sixteen Trustees.

The Executive Committee was to be chosen from women who lived in Chicago or near enough to enable them to attend weekly meetings. There were the usual officers: president, several vice-presidents, treasurer, and recording secretary. In addition to these regular officers, there were about twenty corresponding secretaries, Home and Foreign, who carried on the business of the Board with the outside world. The Foreign Secretaries were in continuous correspondence with the missionaries on the foreign field, giving to them information of home activities and sending to them messages of encouragement and love from those who were working for them in the home land. In return, these secretaries received information of the work being done on the foreign field, organized it, and brought it to the Board and its constituency. There were also constant problems regarding the work of these missionaries to be taken up with the Assembly's Board, and constant needs to be urged on the home workers. Each one of these Foreign Secretaries had a busy life, but not more busy than that of the Home Secretaries, who carried on the correspondence of the Board with workers in this country. One had correspondence with Synodical Societies, helping with their problems and urging their progress; another with local auxiliary societies; another with young women who wished to become missionaries; another urged groups to take up the support of missionaries; another worked constantly on the production and dissemination of new missionary literature; another on the organization and furtherance of mission study; and so on indefinitely. The work of these Home Secretaries varied as time went on, but always the change meant enlargement of the work. What was done by two secretaries in the first few years of the life of the Board, and done by hand, crowded the time of twenty-five women during its last years.

In addition to this local group, vice-presidents were appointed from each State in which the Board worked, who were privileged to meet with the Executive Committee when in Chicago. And there

were many very active and busy committees carrying on the detail of the work.

The Trustees, who were chosen by and from the members of the Executive Committee, were to be responsible for bonding the treasurer and auditing the accounts, as well as having control and management of all properties and investments of the Board and transacting all its legal business.

By the time of its fourth annual meeting, held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the Board had become a recognized force in the mission work of the church and invited representatives from other denominational Woman's Boards to attend its meetings and was sending its own delegates to the meetings of other similar organizations. By this time, too, the Board was ready to branch out a bit into lines of service and education co-ordinated with women's work. We read that a most thrilling account was given them by Mrs. Rhea, of the formation of a children's society in Lake Forest, Illinois, known as the *Steady Streams,* which held its first meeting with a very large attendance of interested little boys and girls. Following this graphic sketch of the way in which the meetings of this group of little folk were conducted, the Board had an animated discussion concerning the possibility of gathering boys and girls all through its territory into similar bands, thus educating the next generation in missionary knowledge and interest, that they might be ready to take up the growing work with intelligence when their turn came. This was the beginning of a long-continued, ever changing and developing work for foreign missions, among the children of the churches of the Northwest territory. Only a little later in that same year, the Philadelphia Board wrote of its intention to start a missionary magazine for children and invited the Board of the Northwest to have a part in it, just as the two Boards shared in the publication of *Woman's Work for Woman.* And so was born the *Children's Work for Children.*

In the fall of that year, the Board engaged an additional Field Secretary, a man, to be sure, but some one who would go in person and talk to the women who were struggling with their new problems out over the far-flung territory of the Northwest. Dr. Coan, who was then travelling for the Assembly's Board in this part of the country, arranged to give a part of his time to visit the women's missionary societies of the Board of the Northwest for a few months.

The work of this Board was now very definitely being recognized by the Assembly's Board in New York, and another suggestion of this same period brought the two Boards still closer together. It was made by that ever wise and devoted little woman, Mrs. Albert Keep, who, at her own suggestion, was asked to write to the other women's Boards of that day, as to the propriety of employing a "female" secretary at the headquarters of the Assembly's Board in New York who could represent the needs and desires of the women's Boards directly to the men's Board. This suggestion was approved even by the men's Board, but it was not put into effect until a few years later.

Another very interesting development with far-reaching results was started in the year 1875. The women of the Board had been holding a weekly business meeting on Friday mornings for over four years. By this time so much of interest was happening in their work, so much valuable information concerning missionary service and progress was coming to them constantly, that they were stirred within themselves to share it more directly with others. The thought came to them and gradually grew in its sense of value, that they should hold at least one open meeting a month, at which some of this information and its inspiration could be given to all who cared to attend. The third Friday morning of each month was dedicated to this purpose. Miss Stebbins was asked to notify the churches of this decision and to ask that each Presbyterian Church in the city or the suburbs appoint at least two delegates to these meetings. And thus was begun a custom which, for almost fifty years, brought knowledge and inspiration to women all over this large territory, and from which went out the unmeasured blessing of earnest prayer. This Friday morning meeting at Room 48 became a place where missionaries and home workers met and talked and planned and prayed together, at first monthly and, in later years, every week throughout the year.

By this time enough auxiliary women's societies had been formed to make it desirable that they should be organized into Presbyterial and Synodical societies, akin to the State organizations under the Assembly's Board, and we find the Board of the Northwest beginning the new task of suggesting and promoting such organization and, year by year, there appeared an ever increasing number of these State and District groups, making for the constantly developing efficiency of the work of the Board. The members of the Board were,

themselves, still doing much of the increasing clerical work of the organization. It had been decided that the interesting letters coming in from the growing number of missionaries should be shared with the societies which were raising money for support of the work, and, in the fall of 1876, an effort was made to secure groups of "young ladies" in the various churches to copy these letters in longhand, for general dissemination. This was one of the early services of the young people of the churches.

The year 1876 was the Centennial year for the United States of America, and the fifth "Annual Convocation of the Mission Workers of this region," and hence it was decided that it must be a sort of jubilee year, recognized by the raising of a special fund, and in this effort, the first of its kind, thousands of dollars poured into the treasury.

By this time a new Presbyterian Woman's Board for Foreign Missions had been organized, the Board of the Southwest, and, for the first time, the territory of the Board of the Northwest was decreased, after a good deal of correspondence with the new Board and with the Assembly's Board in New York. This new organization also brought the question of cooperation among the various Woman's Boards more strongly to the fore and the first joint meeting of representatives from the various Boards was held, in 1877.

So great had become the general interest in Foreign Missions that, in September of 1878, it was voted "that *all* Friday meetings from this date begin at ten o'clock and be popular or open meetings for one hour, after which special or private business be attended to by the Executive Committee." It was in this year, too, that a circulating library of missionary books and missionary curios was added to the ever growing responsibilities of this busy group of women. Busy and happy, for we already sense, through their own rather meager reports of the work, a devotion, a willingness to give unstintedly of time and personal service, a joyous eagerness in their "cause" that grew continuously, as the years grew, into a most remarkable record of selfless service.

During the following year a "Bureau of Missionary Intelligence" was established and the duties of the committee in charge of this Bureau are well worth recording. They stand as a most convincing proof that work was not shirked in those days. The following is a

list of the duties drawn up for the Committee on the Bureau of Intelligence.

1. Prepare Missionary Records in which shall be given, in order, the names of all missionaries sent out under the Board of the Northwest, with statistics, personal and in regard to their work, so full and complete that not only the Board, but the members of Auxiliary Societies may feel that our missionaries are acquaintances and friends.

2. To prepare concise account of each Mission Station in which we are specially interested, this account to include brief sketch of the country, its climate, productions, language, customs, and religion, together with the conditions of the people, especially the women, the native homes and manners of living, the homes of the missionaries, the mode of travel in the country, the journey necessary to reach it, and the outfit suitable for missionary going there.

3. To procure reading table for Room 48 and to secure for it suitable newspapers and periodicals. Also to prepare a missionary Scrap Book, containing interesting items concerning the various fields with which we are connected and missionary matters in general.

4. To provide for preservation of all important missionary correspondence and arrange systematic transmission of missionary intelligence among auxiliaries.

5. Collect most valuable papers prepared at Synodical and Presbyterial meetings, to gain information about most able writers and active workers in district and gather together such statistics in regard to the work of the Board of the Northwest since its existence for reference.

6. Bureau shall meet monthly and prepare a condensed statement of its work to be presented at regular monthly business meeting.

But, with all of the work which they laid upon themselves during the fifty years of the existence of the Board, no member of its Executive Committee was ever paid a penny for her services and rarely was there any neglect of duties. Those who worked in and through the office, for this same cause, were paid, to be sure, but never in a measure commensurate with the faithful service rendered. It was their joy also to give of themselves. We read in the minutes of 1878, in regard to the work of Miss Stebbins, "The Committee on Expen-

ditures, connected with the Mission Room 48, McCormick Block, recommend that the salary of the Superintendent continue to be $50 per month, that she remain at the room from 9 a. m. till not later than 5 p. m., and at any time when her work accumulates so that it cannot be accomplished in the time specified, she shall be authorized to employ clerical help, at an expense not exceeding $1 a day." This was evidently a check on the long hours that the office secretary had been giving to the work. It was only at this time that the various Board Secretaries were beginning to have some of their work done at the office, but by 1880 the work of the office had increased to such an extent that the room committee was authorized to "secure a lady for Room 48, skillful as an accountant and capable of editorial work." And so Miss Ella McCalla began her long service as a member of the staff and endeared herself to all who knew her, for many years, by her quiet, capable industry in the office and her widely read accounts of the weekly meetings at Room 48, printed in *The Interior* and its successors.

The Interior was then the Presbyterian weekly publication and, in 1878, this paper had asked the Board of the Northwest to send weekly items of missionary interest to it for printing. These "items" proved of such value to the paper that soon the Board was able to claim a whole page, headed "Room 48" and giving a report of the weekly Friday morning open meeting. This page was continued as long as *The Interior* was printed, keeping the constituency in close and almost personal touch with their leaders at "48". In 1910 *The Interior* became *The Continent,* but the information was still submitted to the new paper, week after week, as long as *The Continent* was in existence. Shortly after this page began to be printed, the members of the Board raised a fund to send *The Interior* to all missionaries under their care, thus giving them regular information of the work done in this country for the Foreign Mission cause.

The fame of the Friday morning meetings had spread abroad and many friends from out of town dropped in on them when visiting the city; some were missionaries on furlough, some men and women possessed of a missionary interest in the homeland. It was the desire of the Board that these visitors should feel a warm welcome in this room with the missionary heart, and so a hospitality committee was appointed to make certain that all who came might feel at home and

that any one with a message might have a chance to deliver it. This was the beginning of a beautifully warm and informal association among the many Christian souls who visited Room 48.

In eight years a tremendous work had grown from the little beginning in the Second Presbyterian Church, a work which Mrs. Hoge, the president of the Board, described in her opening talk to the Annual Meeting of 1878 in these words: "In woman's work for woman, she is not a mere money collector, but has the care and responsibility of a Department. She indicates the disposal of her funds, examines candidates, sifts their testimonials; her opinions are respected and accepted by the Assembly's Board, unless manifestly unwise. She prepares careful and accurate reports, that are given to Presbyteries, Synods, and the Christian public, and are quoted in the General Assembly. She maintains an active correspondence with representative women at home and with missionaries on the field. She holds monthly, quarterly, and annual meetings, furnishes her own literature, requiring broad intelligence and accurate knowledge. She also edits and publishes twelve periodicals in the United States. The day has passed for woman's superficial work."

The Annual Meetings, at one of which this report was given, had become a very remarkable source of information and inspiration. Each year, in April ,the meeting was held at some city within the territory of the Board and to it came members of the Executive Committee of the Board with their reports, and delegates from all over the field of the Northwest with problems and questions and suggestions. Missionaries at home on furlough and newly appointed candidates brought their messages, and members of the Assembly's Board and prominent ministers spoke before the gathering. Into three short days was packed food for the coming year's work. The meeting was an almost perfect ending to the year that had gone and a perfect preparation for the coming year.

In 1880 there was held the first of what were to become annual Praise meetings among the auxiliary societies of the Board. A society in Denver made the suggestion and soon the custom became almost universal. That was the year of the great famine in Persia and the meetings of that year were for the purpose of raising funds for the famine sufferers. Many women, who could not give large

sums of actual money, gave their jewelry and other valuable possessions for this cause.

The organization of the local missionary societies of the various churches into Presbyterial and Synodical societies, along the lines of the church organizations, had now become very general and the contact of the Board with its constituency came to be more and more through these larger groups. Foreign letters, which were coming in ever increasing numbers, were copied in the Board offices and sent to the Synodical officers for recopying and distribution to local societies. The support of individual missionaries was no longer divided up among various local societies throughout the territory, but a Presbyterial or Synodical Society would take responsibility for the whole salary and for the distribution of this responsibility among its local groups. This simplified the work of the Board offices and also the work of the missionary, herself, in keeping alive her home contacts. This simplification of method was necessary, for the size of the work was increasing by leaps and bounds.

In 1880, also ,the Board inaugurated a new work among children, organizing the Sabbath Schools into Foreign Missionary Societies, including all, from the Superintendent to the youngest scholar. The plan included quarterly meetings, occupying the Sabbath School hour, and a great effort was made to persuade auxiliaries to organize every Sabbath School in the territory. By the Annual Meeting of 1881, one hundred Sabbath Schools had been so organized and great interest shown, although it was difficult to establish the quarterly missionary meetings. So greatly was the work of the women of the Board increased by this and other efforts, that it was necessary to appoint an additional Home Secretary and an additional Foreign Secretary to carry it on. The work had also outgrown the original "Room 48," so generously donated by Mr. Cyrus McCormick during all these years, and an adjoining room was leased for expansion, giving space for the library and missionary literature, which was offered to the free use of all callers. But the greatest growth of all was the growth of interest and enthusiasm in the hearts of the women who were working in the small scattered societies, throughout this widespread area. One woman wrote to the Board, "This is the grandest work ever given women to do." And another, "I am no longer sim-

ply a part of this village, but, by this act I am made conscious of my relations to the whole world."

For a number of years the Board had had an earnest desire to have a part in the education of young women as medical missionaries. In 1883 a way was opened for this development by three generous gifts, to form the nucleus of what the Board hoped would become a large fund. With $1000 they purchased a scholarship in the Woman's Medical College of Chicago and the rest was invested, the interest to be used to aid those candidates who wished a medical education. This was a very real joy to the women of the Board who saw, through this new fund, an opportunity for enlarged usefulness.

Since new Woman's Boards for the work of Foreign Missions in the Presbyterian Church had been organized in various parts of the country, and others were in prospect, it was evident that some form of close co-operation among them would be necessary, to prevent confusion and overlapping. In May, 1884, representatives from these various Boards met at Saratoga, to devise such a plan of co-operation. Tentative suggestions were drawn up, but it was not until January of the following year that the "Central Committee of Presbyterian Women for Foreign Missions" was organized. The first consideration of the Central Committee was the magazine, *Woman's Work for Women.* It was now united with *Our Mission Field* and, by arrangement of this Committee, became the common responsibility and interest of all the Woman's Boards. A clerk was to be engaged to "keep informed as to the estimates and appropriations of the Assembly's Board relating to women's work, with what correspondence might be necessary; to receive subscriptions to the the magazine; to keep the accounts of the magazine; and to be responsible for its mailing." These duties, with others too detailed to mention here, but time-consuming none the less, were to be performed for the munificent salary of $800, one half to be paid by the magazine and the other by the Boards. An office was secured at 23 Centre Street, New York City, and Miss Ellen Parsons was chosen as the editor of the new magazine and, for long years, held that position with honor to herself and to the great satisfaction and pleasure of all the Boards and all the constituency for whom she worked.

The committee was also to have a paid general Secretary, with headquarters in New York City, the salary to be equally divided be-

tween the Woman's Boards and the Assembly's Board. For the work of the women for missions had grown to such an extent that it was necessary to keep in closer touch with the men's Board also. This Secretary was to be in constant correspondence with all of the women's Boards she represented and the mutual problems needing attention during the interval between meetings of the Central Committee were to be handled over her desk. During the long history of the separate woman's Boards, there were only two such General Secretaries: Mrs. H. H. Fry, from Chicago, a member of the Board of the Northwest, who served until her death in 1900, and Mrs. Halsey Wood, who succeeded her. The meetings of the Central Committee were at first annual and later biennial, in many cases being held with the General Assembly.

In 1886 the Board of the Northwest suffered a great loss, in the resignation of Mrs. Hoge from the position of president, a position she had held for twelve years, during which service she had endeared herself personally to all with whom she worked. They had grown to respect her great wisdom and had leaned heavily on her counsel in solving the many problems that come to a young and rapidly developing work such as this. While Mrs. Hoge's resignation was accepted, it was voted that she be made president emeritus for life and our records tell us that she continued to give willing service as long as she lived. Mrs. Benjamin Douglass was made president to succeed Mrs. Hoge.

At the Annual Meeting of April, 1887, it was reported that the women's societies under the Board of the Northwest had outstripped the churches of the same district in the amount of money raised for foreign missions during the year. The churches had raised $45,992, while the Board of the Northwest had raised $63,977. This was indeed a proud day for the Board. But the work must have been growing throughout the whole country at this time, for, within a year or so, two new Woman's Boards for Foreign Missions had been organized, the North Pacific Board in Portland, Oregon, taking over the work in Oregon, Washington, Idaho Territory, and the Territory of Alaska; and the Occidental Board of California. This of course reduced the territory for which the Northwest Board was responsible, but increased the need for co-operation and correspondence.

In the spring of 1888 the original corporation of the Board met

and adopted a new constitution, which enabled the Board to function more efficiently in regard to its property holdings. A Corporate Board was chosen, with Mrs. George Laflin as president, Mrs. William Blair as vice-president, Mrs. Albert Keep as treasurer, and Mrs. W. B. Jacobs as secretary. In addition to these officers there was appointed a Board of sixteen trustees, but, with women such as those recorded as officers, one wonders at the need of further trustees. The long record of devoted and shrewdly wise service, of gentle and consecrated womanliness, of warm and sacrificial religious faith and lives which the names of these women call to mind, is difficult to match in any other service.

We find it recorded in the report of the Annual Meeting of 1889 that "In the evening, Mr. Robert Speer, of Princeton College, made an appeal on behalf of Foreign Missions that stirred every heart." Thus began what developed into a very close relationship between the Northwest Board and a devoted servant of the Assembly's Board. It was in this year that the "Monthly Letter" which, for more than eight years, had been sent regularly to every auxiliary of the Board, was discontinued. The letter originated when missionary literature was scarce and, for many months, it carried to young societies the only missionary information available to them. Now missionary books and magazines began to abound and hence the "Monthly Letter" was withdrawn. However, the Board continued to send a letter of greeting to all new organizations, together with a package of carefully selected leaflets and sample copies of the magazines, so that this more or less personal touch was not wholly lost. As a little human and personal touch, too, the Board sent a certificate of Life Membership to Mrs. Benjamin Harrison, wife of the President of the United States, as "presented by friends assembled at Annual Meeting at Fort Wayne, Indiana." And lest it may seem that all physical problems had been solved by this time, we might note that the Board had to refuse the use of its rooms for evening meetings, "as there is no means of lighting the rooms."

The Annual Meeting of 1891 was recognized to be of special importance, because it was the twentieth Annual Meeting of the Board of the Northwest. But its real importance lay in deeper meanings than this, for various significant advances in the work were reported. During the first year of the Board's work, $4000 was con-

tributed through it to Foreign Missions; in this, its twentieth year, $80,000 was reported. During this year, too, the Board had engaged its first salaried Field Secretary, Mrs. D. B. Wells, who, for some months, visited and spoke in many societies, giving them wise advice and great inspiration. The Board now had "two ladies" constantly employed at Room 48, and forty active members of the Executive Committee, who gave continuously and gladly of their time and service, as their best gift to the Master, with no thought or desire for remuneration.

During this year, too, the women of the Board revised and adopted a new constitution in which they recognized that there might be danger of losing sight of the meaning and the warm heart behind their work, in the multiplicity of detail it was increasingly demanding. To guard against this danger, they set a very high standard of requirement for membership on the Board. The Article on Membership read: "Members of this Board should be chosen because of superior fitness to carry on the work of the Board. This fitness includes personal consecration to the Master, intelligent interest in Foreign Missions, promptness, persistency, courtesy, self-control, ability to work harmoniously with others, and loyalty to constituted authority." And the official comment on this membership requirement was as follows: "As missionary workers and missionary interests and responsibilities become more numerous and diversified, the demand for unity, for loyalty, for entire forgetfulness of self, for submission to the necessities of our relations to each other and to the Assembly's Board, becomes more evident and more imperative. If our work is to continue to be valuable and successful, we must lift our standards higher and higher and more and more resolutely conform to them."

As we read these words, which seem to set an almost impossible standard for anyone to attain, our thoughts wander back to Mrs. Albert Keep, Mrs. William Blair, Mrs. H. H. Forsyth, Mrs. N. W. Campbell, Mrs. W. B. Jacobs, Mrs. John A. Cole, Mrs. John M. Coulter, Mrs. W. S. Candee, and a host of others, and we seem to see those standards already embodied in the lives which had been given to this great service, many of them already, for twenty years and with many years of equally devoted service ahead.

It is interesting to note that, from the beginning until this year, the Board of the Northwest had cared for the work among certain

tribes of the North American Indians, a work inherited from the American Board at the time the Presbyterian interests withdrew from that connection. In this year, 1892, the work with the Indians was finally turned over to the Woman's Board for Home Missions.

By 1893 there were already six Foreign Secretaries and seven Home Secretaries on the Executive Committee of the Board, and the time of each was crowded with work. There were now three "ladies" in the office. There were weekly business meetings of the large Executive Committee, which were often prolonged far beyond the noon hour, and there were frequent meetings of the other numerous committees, and hours and days of individual work which could not be measured. These women, and those who followed them, not only gave unmeasured time to the work at home, but they frequently travelled far abroad, to Synodical and Presbyterial meetings, to hold conferences with puzzled workers, to deliver impassioned appeals for foreign missions before large audiences. For many of the members of the Board of the Northwest were not only splendid organizers, but among their numbers were gifted speakers who gladly made constant sacrifice of time and strength to carry their message to all who would listen. And among those who listened to these appeals, were those whose hearts were deeply stirred and who wished to give tangible expression to this newly aroused interest. As a result, many special gifts and bequests came in, to be used in the work of the Board. And, all through the years that have followed, the seed sown twenty-five, thirty, forty years ago or more has continued to bear fruit in such bequests.

So great had become the need for continuous contact with the other Boards that, for the first time, there was brief discussion of bringing to the Central Committee as a question, "Is it well to unite all Woman's Foreign Missionary Boards under one head?" However, the leading in that direction was not strong enough as yet, though there was a suggestion that the Boards might compromise on three headquarters. A great change had come in the general attitude toward women's work and the attitude of the women toward their own work. Someone said at this period, "When we began to hold Annual Meetings, the leader did not dare to go on the platform to offer a prayer aloud; today the ministers gladly welcome women to their platforms and are edified by their deliberations." One has

to admit that there is still a little formality in expression, but the spirit of woman's freedom and value in her own work is abroad, for we find the following question discussed and sent to Central Committee: "Ought not unmarried ladies and wives receive salaries equal to the gentlemen?"

In this same year, 1893, the World's Columbian Exposition was held in Chicago and, an unusual thing at that time, a "Board of Lady Managers" was appointed to have the supervision and planning of all exhibits of women's work and to have charge of a Woman's Building at the Fair. This group invited the Board of the Northwest to have a desk in the Woman's Building, at which all friends and members might register and also obtain information about the work of the Board. The New York Board, the Philadelphia Board, and the Board of the Southwest all helped to plan and prepare the exhibit, but the women of the Northwest Board were in charge of it and put in a busy but profitable summer with this new form of missionary publicity.

There followed a financial depression, with its lessening of gifts, but never of interest or of work. And at the beginning of 1895 there came to the Board a new blow in the death of Mrs. Penfield, its much loved president. In spite of such discouragements, the work continued to grow and to command the unwavering interest of the members of the Board. At the Annual Meeting of 1895 Mrs. Rhea, who was to have introduced the newly appointed missionaries of the year, but could not, because the Assembly's Board said there was no money to send any missionaries out that year, made an appeal for one thousand dollars, so that at least one new missionary might be sent, and, for an hour, the pages were kept busy carrying up the offerings. At this meeting Mrs. N. D. Campbell, the acting president since the death of Mrs. Penfield, introduced Mrs. H. H. Forsyth as the new president, a president who was to serve with great ability for many years.

One very interesting development of this year, 1895, was the first appearance of "The Year Book of Prayer," the child of the Central Committee. This little roll-call to prayer appeared each year after its birth. It sold for only ten cents a copy, but in such quantities that it always paid for itself, even though a copy of it went each year as a Christmas gift to every missionary mentioned in its covers.

To this Year Book of Prayer, each Board contributed the material concerning its own work and its own missionaries.

A day in October of that year was set aside as a day of special prayer for the work, because of the heavy trials that had come to them in the year just past. But, by 1896, conditions were more encouraging and the Board asked that its Silver Anniversary be recognized by a silver offering throughout its territory. There were now 2055 auxiliary societies associated with the Board, as contrasted with 24 organized during the first year of the life of the Board, and there were 98 missionaries working under the Board, as against the three with which the Board began its work. At their Annual Meeting, thinking of the difficulties through which they had just passed and the brighter future ahead, the women of the Board prayed, "let us not be unmindful of the priceless gift of time, of our blessed privilege and of our consequent responsibilities."

By the year 1897 much confusion had resulted from the fact that no arrangement had been made officially as to the responsibility for arousing missionary interest and supervising missionary work among the young people of the churches. Both men's and women's Boards had worked rather indiscriminately in this field and the work of each had become so extensive that it was necessary to adopt some definite policy covering this point. Therefore, the Assembly's Board proposed to the Woman's Boards that all Young People's Societies should be under the supervision of the Woman's Boards and that the Assembly's Board should take charge of missionary work in the Sabbath Schools. This plan brought new work to the Board of the Northwest, but was successfully followed for many years.

By the end of the century the territory of the Northwest Board had been reduced, through the formation of other Presbyterian Boards, to the twelve States which it continued to supervise until its final merger with the other Woman's Boards: Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. In 1899 Mrs. D. B. Wells established headquarters at Room 48 and became full-time Field Secretary of the Board. With her very unusual platform ability and eloquence and her unique organizing ability, Mrs. Wells gave a real impetus to the work of the Board during the next eight years.

Not only were a number of the charter members of the Board

still active in its service, but the workers in the office had remained equally faithful. At the close of an Executive meeting in the early summer of 1899, Miss Stebbins was called into the meeting and presented with a purse of money to commemorate her twenty-five years of faithful service. Many letters were read from the friends she had made during the years, and prayers of gratitude were offered for the work that had been done so well. With the purse, the title of "Office Secretary" was given. The Board was growing older. The next year, in fact, it had outgrown the rooms which it had occupied for so long and which it had come to know as home. A "Committee on Rooms" came to a March meeting and reported, "we may have three rooms on the sixth floor of the LeMoyne Building, on Randolph Street, near Wabash Avenue." After the special inducements offered in these quarters were listed, it was voted that the move be made—into more adequate space, to be sure, but leaving behind something that they could not move, the very precious associations of the past twenty-seven years within those walls. At the Annual Meeting of that year, special thought was given to the place in which so many plans had been born and ripened, so many lasting friendships made. The following little memorial was presented: "When we leave the old home for the new one, there is always a feeling of sadness, even though that home be dingy and worn, and the new one bright and cheery. For twenty-seven years the Woman's Board of the Northwest has called Room 48, McCormick Block, its home. Fifty-two Fridays each year we have met there to praise and to pray and to tell of work accomplished. There we have said 'God Speed' to our missionaries, as they went out to the ends of the earth to carry their message. There we have welcomed them home, as, weary and battle-worn, our heroes have returned to tell the story of the fight. It is there we have touched the button which set in motion all the various wheels of our machinery so necessary to the carrying on of the great work. It has truly been our 'power house,' for Room 48 has magic power to send a thrill through the missionary heart all the world over. Sacred memories throng its walls. Very precious and tender was our last meeting within those walls, but we have crossed the threshold for the last time and now begin to make history for another Room 48."

We have spoken of the open meeting held each Friday morning.

The business meeting which followed the open meeting was marked with power, too. The members of the Executive Committee would gather, week after week, with no thought of absence unless something of vital importance interfered. There were young women and women of three score and ten, gathered in a semi-circle about the little platform with its dingy rug and cheap wooden table, listening with eager interest to reports brought by the Foreign Secretaries from their beloved missionaries, anxious to know every detail of those lives lived in the service of this great cause in such distant lands, and to make smooth, in so far as they could, the rough places in the paths their ambassadors had to walk; then turning an equally interested and intelligent attention to the problems of organization and stimulation and growth in the homeland, brought to them by the Home Secretaries of the Board; and, now and again, when a problem seemed unusually grave, bowing their heads and their hearts, while they asked God's help and guidance in these heavy responsibilities which they carried. One who has sat weekly with that little group of women, if only for a short space of time, will carry its memory in her heart always, in gratitude that lives of such consecrated devotion have been lived close to hers.

The managers of the building into which the Board moved were good enough to allow "Room 48" to be put on the door of the new quarters, even thought they were on the sixth floor. And there began, in new rooms, a new quarter century of work. A change, marking the beginning of this new era, was the death of Mrs. Fry and the appointment of Mrs. Halsey Wood to the position of General Secretary of the combined Boards, in New York City.

Many new ideas and developments marked the opening of this new century. One very important work which was started at this time and which occupied the time and attention of several Home Secretaries for years to come, was the development and rapid growth of what became the "Interdenominational Study of Missions," becoming still later, the "Department of Missionary Education." The women and the young people of the auxiliary societies were no longer content with the bits of information that came to them through letters and leaflets and occasional talks. They wanted to know more of backgrounds and causes and results. And so, what was tried tentatively "for a year" at first, became soon a very important part of the

work of the Board, the development and fostering of Mission Study classes throughout the country. For, from the start, it was a co-operative work of all the Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions, of many denominations.

About this time, also, a custom was established in the open Friday morning meetings, at Room 48, which was to prove of great benefit to the auxiliaries of the Presbytery. The open meeting of the last Friday of each month had been given over to the Chicago Presbyterial Society, in order that women from the various auxiliary societies might attend and gather information and inspiration for their own meetings of the coming month. Now there was introduced into these meetings a feature which proved of great value to the listeners. From ten to fifteen minutes was given at each of these meetings to what was known as a "map talk," given by the Foreign Secretary whose country was to be the special subject for the following month. A large map of her particular country hung above the platform and, with its help, the Foreign Secretary pointed out the location of each missionary in that country, giving a brief statement of her work and little personal stories of special interest. Thus a very graphic picture of the work of the Board in the country under consideration was given as a background for missionary programs for the following month. These talks took much study and preparation on the part of the Foreign Secretaries, but it was a work which had its own reward for them, in the feeling that they were providing increased intelligence about their own fields.

During these early years of the new century, too, the suggestion began to be discussed of holding less frequently the public, three-day Annual Meetings throughout the district under the Board's control. People were growing busier, information and speakers were more available, so that the women of the constituency had not the same need of this yearly stimulus and conference. But it was not until 1910 that these general meetings were reduced in number. So important a place had they assumed in the hearts of the women who attended them that it was hard to give them up.

Great interest continued to center on Mission Study and, in 1904, the question of a Summer School of Methods and Interdenominational Conferences was discussed. In 1905 a Standing Committee on Study Classes was appointed, and in 1906 the Board par-

ticipated in the Summer School of Missions of the Central West, at Winona Lake, Indiana. Through these classes many young women were beginning to show a new interest in the work of Foreign Missions, and it was thought wise to engage a travelling Secretary especially for young people's work. Miss Grace Curtiss Glenn, formerly a missionary to Japan under this Board, was chosen for this position and proved an admirable choice, for she was creative in her ideas and soon brought to the Board a new suggestion for work among young women, one that was to develop into a very important feature of its service and to bring it into even closer co-operation with the work of the other Boards. The membership in the missionary societies of the various churches was naturally made up more and more of an older group of women and nothing vital was being done to interest the young women in foreign missions. There was grave danger that their efforts would be wholly diverted into other forms of service and the work through which all the missionary service had been built up by such earnest effort during the past thirty-five years might have to be done over again unless this problem were met in some way. Miss Glenn's plan included study groups among the young women of the churches, as a foundation for concentrated work for Foreign Missions. The plan also included the support of missionaries of their own, as a concrete expression of their interest. The plan was straightway endorsed by the Board and a committee of its younger members was formed to assist Miss Glenn in organizing what was soon called the Westminster Guild. A meeting of the committee was held at the Fortnightly Club Rooms, on November 20, 1906, at which meeting an organization was effected, an organization which was to become a vital part of the young peoples' work of the churches for many years.

In reporting this new organization at the Annual Meeting of the following spring, its story was told in the following words: "In November last there was inaugurated, at the Fortnightly Club Rooms in Chicago, the new organization for Presbyterian young women, the Westminster Guild. We do not believe that there is less of earnestness among Christian young womanhood than characterized it a generation ago, but we do believe that our age demands new methods and these the Westminster Guild has sought to find. That the plans have secured the approval and co-operation of our young

women is proven by the fact that wherever the movement has been presented it has been received with greatest enthusiasms. The purpose of the Guild is two-fold: first, to develop a symmetrical Christian young womanhood; second, to bind together for world-wide service for Christ and the Church the young women of our denomination. This the committee will seek to do by carefully prepared courses of study, by strengthening of the social bond, and by deepening of the spiritual life." Already it was reported, forty-three chapters had been organized.

Shortly after the formation of the Westminster Guild by this Board, the Woman's Board of Home Missions wrote of its interest in sharing in this work, at least in the district of the Board of the Northwest. The Home Board was thereupon invited to send representatives to the Westminster Guild conference to be held shortly before its first annual meeting, and a very happy plan for uniting the work of Home and Foreign Missions in the Westminster Guild organization was arranged. About this time, overtures were also received from the other Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions, in regard to forming chapters of the Guild in their territories. In answer to these overtures, it was voted that the Westminster Guild Committee should invite these Boards, too, to unite with the Board of the Northwest and the Home Board, in the Westminster Guild movement, and that the results of the conference recently held with representatives from the Home Board should be sent them for consideration. And, thus, before it was more than a year old, the Westminster Guild had developed into a nation-wide movement among Presbyterian young women, for Home and Foreign Missions.

In 1907 Mrs. H. H. Forsyth was obliged to resign from the presidency of the Board, on account of ill health, but she continued to give valuable service to the Board in many ways for many years. Mrs. A. L. Berry was elected to the presidency and proved a most effective officer and worker. At the same time a resignation was received from Mrs. D. B. Wells, for so long Field Secretary and Executive Secretary of the Board, leaving a vacancy which was very difficult to fill, for she had been a speaker of unusual force and an executive of unusual wisdom. In the following year Mrs. Dee F. Clarke, who had been Field Secretary for the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, previous to its recent union with the Presbyterian

Church of the United States of America, was made Office Secretary of the Board. And in this same year Miss Stebbins resigned from her work in the office, after thirty-three years of service.

In the following year, the Board once more found it wise to move to new quarters. All other Presbyterian interests in Chicago had taken rooms in the Ohio Building, on the corner of Wabash Avenue and Congress Street, and it was felt that the work would be greatly lessened if the Board were in closer contact with these other groups with which it was, of necessity, in constant conference. The last meeting in the old rooms in the Le Moyne Building was held on September 11, 1908, with a real feeling that again the members were breaking home ties. In a little good-bye talk, Mrs. Keep said, "Personally I have enjoyed this work and fellowship at Room 48 beyond everything except my family relationships. Here we have been quickened and stimulated." And the shining, earnest faces of her listeners gave evidence to the fact that she was voicing the thought in every heart. Another lovely service of consecration was held in the new rooms on the morning of September 18, 1908, when a missionary on furlough said that "to missionaries, Room 48 is much like what Jerusalem was to the Jews of old."

A few days later Miss Grace Glenn handed in her resignation as Young People's Travelling Secretary, because of her approaching marriage. However, Miss Glenn, as Mrs. Fox, always remained a good friend of the Board and of its work in the Westminster Guild, which she had started. About this time the Westminster Guild proved the hold it had gained on the young women of the church in a very concrete way, for girls who were under the requisite eighteen years of age, began to ask whether they, too, might not form Westminster Chapters and begin to take up Mission Study. After discussion, it was decided that such a request could not be refused and Westminster Circles began to be organized throughout the land, made up of these younger girls.

Early in the next year the Board received the resignation of Miss Anna Minich, who had been made Field Secretary to succeed Mrs. D. B. Wells and had done excellent work in that position. Miss Katherine Myers became the new Field Secretary. And the Board members felt it was a real tragedy when, a little later, Mrs. Albert Berry found it necessary to give up the presidency. At the Annual

Meeting of 1909, Mrs. Lincoln M. Coy was made president to succeed Mrs. Berry.

It is impossible to speak of all of the new work which was constantly being assumed and carried on in the next few years. There came a call for work among small children and, in response, "The Baby Brigade," composed of children under six years of age, became a part of the work of the Board. It was never to grow into a large part, but it filled a need that was evidently felt by some of the churches at the time and demanded thought and care on the part of the Board members responsible for it. Another important new venture was an effort to interest the college student in missionary work and a secretary for student work was appointed to build up this department.

In the spring of 1910, for the first time in its history, the Board of the Northwest omitted its large, three-day Annual Meeting. Instead, the members held a private meeting in the Board rooms, for the presentation of reports to the Executive Committee. It was during that year that Mrs. Coy announced to the Board that two free scholarships were to be maintained by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Hospital Board, in the Nurses Training School of the Presbyterian Hospital, for the use of young women wishing to go to the foreign field. This was the fulfilling of a hope that had long been held by the members of the Board of the Northwest. It was during this year, too, that all the Synodical Societies were asked to raise a "Special Jubilee Gift for advance work under the Board," because this was the fortieth year of the successful work of the Board of the Northwest, and all its constituents wished to make it a memorable year in some way. It had its very sad moments, however, for, in the fall, Mrs. Lincoln M. Coy, president of the Board, was obliged to give up that office on account of her health, after a short, but very effective term of office. In December, Mrs. John Balcom Shaw was elected as her successor. And again there was a change in Field Secretaries, for Mrs. J. P. Engstrom took that position in the spring of 1911, in the place of Miss Myers.

The fortieth Annual Meeting, the Jubilee year of the Board of the Northwest, as well as of its two sister Boards in Philadelphia and New York, was held in the same place in which the Board had been organized, the Second Presbyterian Church of Chicago. This

meeting was filled with expressions of gratitude for the past and hope for the future. The progress of the Jubilee, its aims and anticipated effects, were brought out forcefully. The culmination of the Jubilee was described, that tremendously effective luncheon meeting held in New York in March, when six thousand women of fifteen denominations crowded the great dining rooms of three hotels and, in the evening, filled the Metropolitan Opera House even to standing room, to watch the presentation of a great Pageant of Missions. It was a thrilling year for friends of the missionary cause.

The Assembly's Board had asked that the churches throughout the country raise one million dollars in addition to their usual gifts during this Jubilee year, 1910-1911, and the Board of the Northwest assumed responsibility for $50,000 of this sum, a responsibility which it carried most successfully to a conclusion. In recognition of the work they had done during this splendid year, the Assembly's Board sent the following letter to each Woman's Board.

To the Women's Boards and Societies of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

Dear Friends:

The Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., in this year when the Woman's National Foreign Missions Jubilee is being celebrated, desires to congratulate the women's boards and societies of the Presbyterian Church on the part which they have taken in the work of world-wide evangelization.

The series of Jubilee meetings which for the past months have been held in various parts of the country were brought to a fitting climax in the great gatherings held in and about the City of New York.

The extent and variety of these gatherings, the spontaneous enthusiasm everywhere manifested, the generous gifts, for the furtherance of the cause, so freely bestowed, serve to bring into yet clearer relief the large share which the women of the Church have had in the work of Foreign Missions, and mark an epoch in the history of Foreign Missions.

The Board gratefully acknowledges the debt which the entire Church owes to the members of your societies for the unselfish service so loyally and freely given in the cause of Foreign Missions. No small part of the success which in the providence of God has crowned the work of the Assembly's Board has been due to the cordial, sympathetic, harmonious and most efficient cooperation of the organizations which you represent.

It is most gratifying to record that thirty per cent of the total receipts

of the Board from 1870 to date, have come directly from the woman's boards and societies. The amount received indirectly through your efforts would very materially augment this sum. But this is a small share of the burden which you have borne of this world enterprise. The efficiency of your organization whereby the youngest child in the home is made to feel some sense of responsibility for the child in the non-Christian home, your admirable system of correspondence which has made it possible for the missionary on the field to come into personal touch with some volunteer worker in the home land, the vast amount of information which you have so freely put forth, creating in the Church and school and home a missionary atmosphere and leading many young people to devote their lives to the mission service, the wisdom, tact and firm grasp of affairs shown by your officers in dealing with mission problems affecting your boards and societies and the Assembly's Board—deserve and have received the most grateful approbation and commendation of all lovers of the mission cause.

The Board would note especially the high character and unselfish service of the various executive officers of your boards. In all the annals of the Christian Church, no finer types of distinterested and successful service have ever been shown than those exhibited by the noble women who have been permitted to administer the affairs of your organizations. It is a fact worthy of emphasis that in the many and trying problems which of necessity have arisen in the course of these years, the spirit of unity and harmony has ever characterized all your dealings with the Assembly's Board. For all this and much more, we give thanks to the great Head of the Church who has called us into His Kingdom, granting us the royal privilege of being fellow laborers with Him.

We congratulate you on the success of these Jubilee gatherings, and pray that, in this day of glorious opportunity when the whole Church is recognizing its mission obligation and responsibility as never before, you may "expect yet greater things from God, and attempt yet greater things for God."

In behalf of the Assembly's Board—

Robert E. Speer, Arthur J. Brown, A. Woodruff Halsey
Secretaries

Dwight H. Day
Treasurer.

Again the power of the influence of Room 48 was spoken of over and over: "To an increasing number, Friday morning means Room 48, with all its uplifting power." And again new ventures and hopes were presented: the raising of an "Emergency Fund" for the use of

missionaries at home on furlough, the substitution of the "Station Plan" of giving, for the very difficult "Special Object plan which had harassed both Board Secretaries and missionaries for many years, and many other suggested changes or new plans. The Board of the Northwest had now in its organization fourteen very active and busy Standing Committees, covering the following subjects: Nomination, Medical Education, Missionary Records, Publications, Hospitality, Finance, Candidates, Prayer Meetings, Rooms Work, Westminster Guild, Interdenominational Work, and Young People's Work. These were in addition to the long list of Home and Foreign Secretaries who were all in constant correspondence with workers at home and abroad, concerning various phases of the work.

At this fortieth Annual Meeting of the Board new and old workers paid tribute one to the other. Mrs. N. D. Campbell, in speaking of the women who had organized the work forty years before, said: "Undertakings and obstacles were great, but not greater than the faith and vision of the great-hearted, courageous, noble women who, with broad views, deep sympathies, and, I believe, the inspiration of God, were the founders." Several of these "founders" were still active on the Board at the time of the fortieth anniversary and one of them, Mrs. William Blair, gave thanks for the newer workers who had joined the service, saying, "Only let me say, we have never had more capable, intelligent, devoted women, carrying on the responsibilities of our work than at the present day." Devotion to the work brought a mutual devotion and general affection among the workers, that constantly increased the joy of the service.

Again the Board raised the question, "Has the time come for the union of the six Boards, to form one Central Board in New York, as is the Home Board?" This time the question was sent to Central Committee for discussion, to which it also was sent by one or two of the other Woman's Boards. But again the answer was, "not quite yet." There was interest enough, however, to show that the missionary work all over the country had become unified to such an extent that consideration of final union was already in the minds of many. In a sense, this was the thing toward which each Board had been working for some forty years, without being conscious of the trend of its work. In the same year the Westminster Guild organized a general Council, composed of one representative from each

Foreign Board and six representatives from the Home Mission Board, to meet every third year, for conference on their mutual problems. Unity was in the air.

As a gracious gesture to another type of union, the Board voted to make "all former life members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Board of Missions who dwell within the territory of the Board of the Northwest, life members of this Board." And an interesting local development, in this time of union work, was the joyous news that the Board had arranged to pay a share toward the endowment of a room in the Presbyterian Hospital, to be used by ministers and missionaries who had need of it. The Woman's Auxiliary of the Hospital Board, always much interested in the work of the Board of the Northwest, contributed a very generous part of this sum, and Mrs. Cyrus McCormick completed the necessary amount. This room filled a long-felt need of the Board and proved a real boon to many missionaries in need of medical attention, which they could not well afford out of their small incomes.

A serious loss came to all of the Boards in 1912, through the resignation of Miss Ellen Parsons as editor of their joint magazine, the *Woman's Work for Women.* She had given twenty-five years of most efficient service to the building up of this magazine and it was difficult to know how to replace her. In this same year the Woman's Board of Home Missions and four of the Woman's Foreign Boards co-operated in forming a Joint Committee on Student Work, in order to unify the Presbyterian work in colleges all over the country. Mrs. Dwight E. Potter was chosen Executive and Travelling Secretary for this work and her responsibility was to visit colleges and present to the Presbyterian students the work of the Boards and the needs for missionary service at home and abroad. She also attended student conferences in order to conduct study classes and further explain the work of the Boards. An "Interdenominational Committee" had also appeared in the Board's list of Standing Committees. This committee was to represent the Board on the larger Interdenominational Committee of the Central West for Missions. Fifteen denominations were represented on this committee and its object was "to unify missionary interests, to arrange for and take charge of interdenominational conferences, summer schools of missions, and the annual Day of Prayer."

In 1914 Mrs. Shaw resigned her position as president of the Board and Mrs. A. L. Berry took up the work again for a period of two years. During this period, missionary work at home and abroad was feeling the terrible strain caused by the European war. Out of the one hundred and fifty foreign missionaries then working under the Board of the Northwest, only eighty-five were heard from throughout the year 1915, and no one knew just what might have happened to the others or to their work. But none of this anxiety is reflected in the records of the work of the Board. Faith in the work must have been as strong as ever, for minutes and reports tell of continually developing plans for future organization and service, even during the period of the participation of the United States in the World War. The work, greater than all wars, must go on.

In 1915 Miss Isabel Laughlin took the place of Mrs. Potter, as Field Secretary of the Joint Committee on Student Work, and Mrs. E. H. Silverthorn took up the work of Field Secretary for the Board of the Northwest, in place of Mrs. Engstrom. Changes seemed more frequent in these later years of the Board's work than they were in the earlier years. A Young People's Department was formed at this time, to include all the work of the young people under the Board, with the purpose of unifying that work and making it more efficient. It included Young People's Societies, Westminster Guild Chapters and Circles, Children's Societies, Junior Christian Endeavor Societies, and Student Work.

In the fall of that year a conference was held with the Board of Home Missions as to the desirability of uniting the Home and Foreign Presbyterial and Synodical Societies. And, in 1916, the union of the *Home Mission Monthly* and the *Woman's Work for Women* was considered. It was in the same year that, due to the growth and common interest of the work, it was decided to hold semi-annual meetings of the Central Committee and at least one meeting a year with the Assembly's Board, and in the same year the Central Committee met with the Men's Board for the first time. At the same time the question of uniting the Year Books of Prayer was presented to the Assembly's Board. The pressure of the times was almost forcing union on the Woman's Foreign Boards.

The year 1916 was specially devoted to what was known as an educational campaign, carried on with real enthusiasm. A group of

leaders were sent to regional centers and several days of conference were given to each center, allowing time for presentation of local problems and practical suggestions by the different leaders, each an expert in some special phase of mission work. Thirty-two of these conferences were held during the year, requiring much planning and follow-up work at Board headquarters.

In the spring of 1916 Mrs. Oliver R. Williamson succeeded Mrs. Berry as president of the Board and almost immediately attended a conference of representatives of the Woman's Foreign Mission Boards, with representatives of the Assembly's Board, to discuss their mutual problems and relationship. From this conference came the recommendation that a Secretary be employed as the Executive representative of the six Woman's Boards, giving her whole time to the work, and "being in addition to and supplementing Mrs. Halsey Wood." Miss Margaret Hodge, president of the Philadelphia Board, was appointed to this position, which she held with distinction until the final merger of the Woman's Boards.

In January of 1917 came the death of Miss McCalla, taking from the office force one who was helper and adviser to all who had come to the rooms for many years. Her long years of service and her intimate acquaintance with the missionaries and knowledge of the mission fields gave her a fund of information, the value of which was hard to measure. In recognition of her beautiful spirit and her long and faithful service, a memorial was established for Miss McCalla, in the form of a church at Vera Cruz, Mexico. A tablet within the building bears her name and that of the donor, the Woman's Presbyterian Board of the Northwest.

A little later the question of moving the rooms of the Board was considered once more. Other Presbyterian interests were moving and it was felt wise to go with them, and so, in November of that year, the Board held its first meeting in its new and its final rooms, in the Stevens Building, at 17 North State Street.

To make for greater efficiency in the work of the Executive Committee, an Executive Council was organized at this time, made up of the officers of the Board and others appointed to act with them. This group was to meet each Friday and consider all business to be brought before the Executive Committee, bringing it to that committee in the form of recommendations, thus avoiding much unnecessary

preliminary discussion by the larger group. This Executive Council functioned with some success for only a short time. It is mentioned here simply to stress the evident pressure of detailed business which was forcing itself on the attention of the Board at this time.

While a general fifty-year Jubilee had been held in 1911, the Woman's Boards began now to agitate the question of their own fiftieth anniversary—some sort of celebration to be held in 1920. This celebration was to have three main objectives: (1) An auxiliary in every Presbyterian Church; (2) A definite number of new missionaries; (3) A large amount of money for specific objects on the foreign field. The culminating meeting was to be held in May, 1920. The "Educational Campaign" of the past year had met with such a happy response that it was continued and further developed during this year, as a preparation for the Jubilee year. Under the general leadership of Mrs. D. B. Wells, who had always remained a firm and helpful friend of the Board, the conferences continued to be successful and helpful. All of these plans were made during the year and a half of America's participation in the World War and during the disastrous flu epidemic which struck such terror to the hearts of our citizens. In spite of that general cataclysm, Mission Study classes increased and general interest continued to grow. Two hundred more Year Books of Prayer were sold by the Board than in former years.

In December of 1918 Mrs. Dee F. Clarke left the office of the Board to take up other work and, at the same time, Mrs. E. H. Silverthorn was made Executive Field Secretary, "to organize and administer the Field Department, in connection with oversight and development of the Jubilee plans." Early in 1919, in the midst of this very active preparation for the celebration of their fiftieth anniversary, the question of the union of the Woman's Boards was again brought to the front, in a meeting of the Board, this time in a more positive tone. The suggestion of union was approved and the question sent from the Board of the Northwest to the Central Committee, for formal consideration. It was "moved that we recommend as a Central Committee question that the six Woman's Foreign Boards be united in one National Board, with headquarters in New York." On May 9, 1919, this question was considered and accepted by the Central Committee and was later approved by all of the Woman's Boards.

But there was still a full year of work to be done by the Board of the Northwest, and it was a Jubilee year, a year in which the Board of the Northwest left a final record to which its friends can always point with pride. When their final report was handed in, we find the following statements: "What we hoped for at the beginning of this, our last year as a territorial Board Westminster Guild Committee, has been realized. A well-organized drive brought 137 new organizations, a total of 552." "Jubilee activities have resulted in a larger volume of candidate correspondence than ever before." "This Jubilee year we record the largest number of groups studying a missionary text book, with the largest recorded membership, in the history of our Board. Classes, 779, and approximate membership, 21,306." "Sales of literature amounted to 29% more than those of the previous year." "The financial goal set for our Board for the Jubilee year fund was $150,000, and this was triumphantly overtopped." "The goal of fifty new missionaries was reached and our total receipts for the year amounted to $319,730.25." During this year the office sent out approximately 150 letters and 50 packages each day.

In December, 1919, the report of the Unification Committee was presented to the Board of the Northwest. This plan provided that the new National Board should continue to be auxiliary to and cooperate with the Assembly's Board, and it "safe-guarded all previous and future bequests and endowments." The name of the new Board was to be "The Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A." Provision was also made for some form of territorial organization, to replace the headquarters of the six retiring Woman's Boards, this organization to be known as a "District" of the new Board.

In August, 1920, the minutes of the first meeting of the new Board, held at Princeton, New Jersey, on June 17, were read to the Executive Committee of the Board of the Northwest. A letter from Miss Margaret Hodge said that it would not be possible for the new Board to take over all the work of the Secretaries of the Board of the Northwest at once, and asked this Board to continue its work until an adjustment could be properly made. A reply was sent, saying that "the Board of the Northwest wishes to express its loyalty to the new Board and to say that it will endeavor to carry on its

work in so far as it is possible, until January first." In September, Mrs. Silverthorn was made District Secretary under the new board, and hence remained as Executive Field Secretary of the Board of the Northwest as long as that Board functioned. On December 15, the Treasurer, Mrs. T. E. D. Bradley, closed the books of the Board of the Northwest and an inventory of the office equipment was taken.

On December 31, 1920, the last meeting of the old Board was held, to hear final reports. After the reports, the women attending that meeting adjourned for luncheon and a delightful program of toasts, "touching lightly upon the experiences of the Board in its various headquarters. Mrs. Blair's account of the early days, read by Mrs. Coy, was followed by Mrs. Bradley's memories of the McCormick Building, Miss Rumsey's of the LeMoyne Building, Mrs. Craig's of the Ohio Building, and Mrs. Herbert Smith's of the Stevens Building. Miss Elizabeth Skinner and Mrs. Holmes Forsyth recalled their early impressions of the Board and its members, and Miss Herma Clark increased the good cheer by a poem on 'Room 48'. Greetings were sent to the beloved absent members, Mrs. H. H. Forsyth, Mrs. William Blair, Mrs. Pratt, and Mrs. Candee, and the last conference of the Board ended with the singing of *Blest Be The Tie That Binds.*"

But the Board of the Northwest had not wholly finished its work, for it was still a corporation and still held properties. Hence the regular Annual Meeting was held in April of 1921 and amended By-Laws were adopted to enable a smaller group to attend to the necessary business of the Board, until it should no longer be necessary. A paragraph in the Certificate of Incorporation of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of the Northwest was amended to read: "The government and control of the corporation shall be vested in a Board of seven (7) Trustees, who shall be elected by the members in the manner prescribed by these by-laws. The headquarters of the Board of Trustees shall be in Chicago, Illinois."

In this year of our Lord, 1937, that Board of Trustees is still functioning and monies are still coming to the Board of the Northwest by bequest. And, in this year of our Lord, 1937, the women who were once members of the Executive Committee of that Board still show their love for and faith in the work so beautifully and

capably carried on for fifty years, by meeting together once a year in its memory. They meet with a wistful question in their hearts—have the women of today the spirit to love so greatly, to venture so greatly, to serve so greatly as did these women of yesterday?

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

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Mrs. A. C. Hoge 1872-1885
Mrs. Herrick Johnson (Acting Pres) 1886
Mrs. Benjamin Douglass 1886-1890
Mrs. H. D. Penfield 1890-1894
Mrs. N. D. Campbell (Acting Pres.) 1894
Mrs. H. H. Forsyth 1895-1906
Mrs. Albert L. Berry 1906-1909
Mrs. Lincoln M. Coy 1909-1911
Mrs. John Balcom Shaw 1911-1914
Mrs. A. L. Berry 1914-1916
Mrs. Oliver R. Williamson 1916-1921

Recording Secretaries

Mrs. Glen Wood 1871-1873
Mrs. W. B. Truax 1873-1874
Miss E. A. Blaikie 1874-1887
Mrs. W. B. Jacobs 1887-1902
Mrs. T. E. D. Bradley 1902-1904
Mrs. A. W. McClure 1904-1912
Mrs. Ambrose V. Powell 1912-1921

Treasurers

Mrs. J. V. Farwell 1871-1872
Mrs. Cyrus H. McCormick 1872-1873
Mrs. Jesse Whitehead 1873-1883
Mrs. H. M. Humphrey 1883-1884
Mrs. C. B. Farwell 1884-1905
Mrs. T. E. D. Bradley 1912-1921

Office Executives

Miss S. B. Stebbins 1874-1907
Miss Ella McCalla 1880-1917
Mrs. Dee F. Clarke 1908-1919
Mrs. Alice T. Standen 1919-1921

Field Secretaries

Mrs. D. B. Wells 1899-1907
Also Executive Secretary
Miss Grace Curtis Glenn 1906-1909
Miss Anna Louise Minich 1908-1909
Miss Kathrene Myers 1909-1911
Miss Clara W. Davidson 1915-1916
Mrs. J. P. Engstrom 1911-1916
Mrs. E. H. Silverthorn 1916-1919
Executive Field Secretary 1919-1921
Mrs. Mary R. Doolittle 1919-1920
Mrs. Mary A. Stone 1919-1920

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WOMAN'S PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE NORTHWEST

Adair, Mrs. Walter T. 1908-1909
Adams, Mrs. Cyrus 1894-1910
Allen, Mrs. L. E. 1889-1891
Alling, E. 1895-1898
(Foreign Secretary 1896-1898)
Andrews, E. 1871-1873
(Corresponding Secretary 1871-1872)
Andrews, Mrs. Sidney F. 1900-1907
(Foreign Secretary 1901-1907)
Angle, Mrs. L. V. 1884-1902
(Foreign Secretary 1888-1898)
Ashley, Mrs. A. L. 1891-1915
(Home Secretary 1898-1901)
Bancroft, Mrs. George 1885-1892
(Home Secretary 1888-1892)
Barker, Mrs. J. N. 1874-1883
Barrows, Mrs. J. H. 1881-1894
Belfield, Mrs. Henry H. 1902-1921
(Corresponding Secretary 1907-1908; Home Secretary 1915-1917)
Bellas, Mrs. T. W. 1886-1888
Benton, Mrs. G. C. 1874-1879
Berry, Mrs. A. L. 1905-1918
(President 1907-1909; Vice-Pres. 1909-1914; President 1914-1916; Vice-Pres. 1916-1918)
Blaikie, E. A. 1874-1900
(Recording Secretary 1875-1887; Honorary Vice-Pres. 1899-1900)
Blair, Mrs. William 1871-1921
(Corresponding Secretary 1871-1872; Vice-pres. 1883-1921)
Bliss, Mrs. George 1874-1875
Boomer, Mrs. L. B. 1874-1875
(Foreign Secretary 1874-1875)
Bowers, Mrs. L. W. 1896-1898
Bowman, Mrs. Harold L. 1919-1921
(Home Secretary 1920-1921)

Bradley, Mrs. T. E. D. 1899-1921
(Recording Secretary 1902-1904; Treasurer 1905-1921; Home Secretary 1917-1921)
Bradt, Mrs. Charles E. ..... 1908-1910 & 1917-1921
(Home Secretary 1917-1918)
Brown, Mrs. Lockwood 1916-1917
Brust, Mrs. Edward 1890-1891
Bryant, Mrs. H. W. ..... 1888-1890 & 1911-1921
(Home Secretary 1912-1921)
Burkhardt, Alice C. 1899-1902
Campbell, Mrs. Frederick 1891-1897
Campbell, Mrs. N. W. 1885-1921
(Home Secretary 1885-1921; Vice-Pres. 1907-1921)
Campbell, Mrs. William J. 1904-1905
Candee, Mrs. W. S. 1895-1921
(Foreign Secretary 1896-1905; Vice-Pres. 1905-1921)
Carrier, Mrs. W. O. 1901-1904
Carson, Mrs. Frank M. 1906-1912
Carter, Mrs. D. D. 1900-1906
(Home Secretary 1903-1905)
Chichester, Mrs. William J. 1899-1905
Clark, Mrs. Francis 1917-1921
Clark, Herma 1902-1921
(Foreign Secretary 1914-1921)
Clark, Mrs. J. S. 1920-1921
Clow, Mrs. William E. 1902-1921
(Foreign Secretary 1903-1921)
Cole, Elizabeth S. 1902-1903
Cole, Mrs. John A. 1905-1921
(Foreign Secretary 1907-1921)
Cosgrove, Mrs. W. H. 1905-1911
Coulter, Grace A. 1904-1915
(Home Secretary 1904-1915)
Coulter, Mrs. John M. 1893-1921
(Home Secretary 1895-1897; Foreign Secretary 1902-1921)
Covert, Mrs. William C. 1905-1921
(Home Secretary 1906-1918)
Coy, Mrs. Lincoln M. 1906-1921
(President 1909-1911; Vice-Pres. 1911-1921)
Coyle, Mrs. R. F. 1886-1891
Craig, Amelia O. 1910-1912
Craig, Mrs. B. Y. 1901-1921
(Home Secretary 1904-1914; Foreign Secretary 1914-1918)

Craig, Mrs. W. G. 1885-1912
(Foreign Secretary 1890-1904; Vice-Pres. 1904-1912; Corresponding Secretary 1908-1912)
Crosby, Mrs. F. W. 1899-1921
(Vice-President 1917-1921)
Crowe, Mrs. John M. 1902-1906
Crowell, Mrs. Henry P. 1910-1917
(Foreign Secretary 1911-1912)
Curtiss, Mrs. Henry 1897-1910
(Home Secretary 1897-1910)
Denton, Mrs. L. D. ..... 1889-1890 & 1898-1905
(Foreign Secretary 1898-1903; Honorary Vice-Pres. 1903-1905)
Derr, Mrs. Y. 1896-1902
Dicker, Mrs. Alfred O. 1918-1921
Dickey, Mrs. Samuel 1908-1914
(Home Secretary 1909-1910; Foreign Secretary 1912-1914)
Dickinson, Miss 1875-1876
Douglass, Mrs. Benjamin 1877-1892
(Foreign Secretary 1878-1886; President 1886-1890; Vice-Pres. 1890-1892)
Douglass, Mrs. F. M. 1894-1896
Douglass, Mrs. William 1891-1895
Douglass, Mrs. William A. 1915-1921
Drake, Helen V. 1915-1918
Dunn, Mrs. Winfield P. 1906-1907
Egan, Mrs. Charles 1907-1915
(Foreign Secretary 1908-1915)
Ely, Mrs. E. D. 1871-1874
(Home Secretary 1871-1874)
Ely, Mrs. Edward 1891-1894
Farwell, Mrs. C. B. 1884-1906
(Treasurer 1884-1905; Treasurer-Emeritus 1905-1906)
Farwell, Mrs. J. V. 1871-1912
(Treasurer 1871-1872; Vice-Pres. 1872-1907; Honorary Vice-Pres. 1907-1912)
Ferry, Mrs. Abby Farwell 1907-1910
(Home Secretary 1907-1909)
Ferry, Mrs. W. H. 1883-1892
Forsyth, Mrs. George 1917-1921
(Home Secretary 1917-1918)
Forsyth, Mrs. H. H. ..... 1876-1878 & 1888-1921
(Home Secretary 1888-1895; President 1895-1907; Pres. Emeritus 1907-1921; Corresponding Secretary 1912-1917)

Forsyth, Mrs. Holmes.....1906-1921
(Home Secretary 1906-1912; Foreign Secretary 1912-1918)
Fox, Mrs. Francis M.....1914-1917
Freeman, Mrs. H. V.....1895-1905
(Home Secretary 1895-1902)
Freeman, Mrs. John Newton.....1911-1914
French, Mrs. J. Abbott.....1877-1880
Frost, Margaret.....1914-1918
Frothingham, Mrs. James.....1891-1921
Fry, Mrs. H. H.....1875-1884
(Home Secretary 1876-1884)
Ganse, Mrs. H. D.....1884-1885
Geer, Mrs. Ira.....1914-1918
Gibbs, Mrs. A. M.....1873-1881
Gibbs, Mrs. George A.....1871-1873
Gibson, Mrs. J. M.....1876-1880
Giles, Anna.....1888-1893
(Foreign Secretary 1888-1893)
Goudy, Mrs. William C.....1871-1873 &
(Honorable Vice-Pres. 1899-1903) 1885-1903
Gould, Mrs. William.....1874-1876
(Home Secretary 1874-1876)
Gould, Mrs. W. R.....1878-1880
Graham, Mrs. D. W.....1911-1921
Gray, Mrs. Elisha.....1884-1885
Gray, Mrs. W. C.....1880-1907
(Vice-Pres. 1903-1907)
Green, Mrs. A. W.....1890-1893
Green, Mrs. W. H.....1904-1913
(Home Secretary 1905-1906; Foreign Secretary 1907-1912)
Greenman, Mrs. E. C.....1898-1903
(Home Secretary 1899-1903)
Hale, Mrs. George.....1878-1879
Hall, Mrs. L. R.....1884-1908
Hall, Mrs. Thomas.....1887-1898
Halsey, Mrs. Le Roy J.....1871-1873
Halsey, M. P.....1878-1881 &
(Foreign Secretary 1886-1912) 1886-1912
Hardin, Mrs. Martin D.....1909-1921
(Foreign Secretary 1911-1914; Home Secretary 1914-1917;
Vice-Pres. 1916-1917)
Harmount, Mrs. G. A.....1894-1902
(Foreign Secretary 1899-1902)
Hartwell, Mrs. C. N.....1880-1894

Harvey, Mrs. T. W. ..... 1889-1897 & 1904-1908
Hauck, Mrs. Charles E. 1907-1909
Haven, Elizabeth 1909-1910
Hays, Mrs. A. A. 1911-1921
(Home Secretary 1913-1915. Foreign Secretary 1918-1921)
Helm, Mrs. H. T. 1881-1900
(Vice-Pres. 1883-1888; Home Secretary 1888-1900)
Henderson, Mrs. J. T. 1918-1921
(Foreign Secretary 1919-1921)
Hequembourg, Mrs. J. E. 1903-1905
Hill, Mrs. Edgar P. 1908-1919
(Home Secretary 1909-1911; Foreign Secretary 1914-1919)
Hillis, Mrs. N. D. 1892-1899
(Home Secretary 1895-1899)
Hoge, Mrs. A. C. 1872-1890
(President 1872-1885; Pres. Emeritus 1885-1890)
Holland, Mrs. 1874-1878
Holmes, Mrs. W. G. 1874-1875
Holt, Mrs. Alfred 1891-1896
(Foreign Secretary 1891-1896)
Holt, Anna 1885-1887
(Foreign Secretary 1885-1887)
Holt, Mrs. Charles 1890-1904
(Home Secretary 1891-1903)
Hosmer, Mrs. Frank A. 1912-1920
Hughes, Frances 1916-1921
(Home Secretary 1917-1921)
Humphrey, Mrs. Henry M. 1880-1884
Humphrey, Mrs. Z. M. 1882-1899
(Vice-Pres. 1887-1899)
Hunter, Mrs. Pleasant 1902-1903
Jacobs, Mrs. W. B. 1874-1921
(Recording Secretary 1887-1902; Home Secretary 1902-1913; Vice-Pres. 1906-1918; Honorary Vice-Pres. 1918-1921)
Janney, Mrs. J. W. 1903-1911
(Foreign Secretary 1904-1907)
Jewett, Mrs. S. R. 1899-1902
Johnson, Mrs. Herrick 1880-1908
(Vice-Pres. 1884-1907; Honorary Vice-Pres. 1907-1908)
Johnston, Mrs. Alfred B. 1909-1921
(Home Secretary 1917-1921)
Johnston, Mrs. H. A. 1894-1896
Johnston, Mrs. Sanford 1874-1875

Johnstone, Mrs. W. W. 1917-1921
(Home Secretary 1917-1921)
Judd, Mrs. N. B. ..... 1873-1874 & 1878-1879 & 1883-1905
(Vice-Pres. 1883-1886; Foreign Secretary 1886-1888; Vice-Pres. 1888-1902; Honorary Vice-Pres. 1902-1905)
Kane, Mrs. Thomas 1887-1918
(Vice-Pres. 1908-1918)
Keep, Mrs. Albert 1872-1915
(Foreign Secretary 1872-1885; Vice-Pres. 1885-1915)
King, Mrs. Noble 1906-1921
(Home Secretary 1909-1921)
Kittredge, Mrs. Arthur 1871-1873
Knowlton, Mrs. A. C. 1881-1883
Krebs, Mrs. W. S. 1904-1906
(Foreign Secretary 1905-1906)
Laflin, Mrs. George H. 1871-1902
(Home Secretary 1871-1891; Vice-Pres. 1891-1902)
Lawrence, Anna B. 1897-1911
Leach, Mrs. F. W. 1912-1921
Lethen, Mrs. A. J. 1916-1921
(Home Secretary 1917-1921)
Lindsay, Mrs. C. R. Jr. 1917-1921
(Foreign Secretary 1918-1919)
Linsley, Mrs. E. C. 1887-1900
Loweth, Mrs. Frederick 1918-1921
(Home Secretary 1918-1921)
Lown, Mrs. George B. 1909-1917
(Home Secretary 1910-1914)
Maltman, Mrs. A. S. 1902-1909
Marquis, Mrs. D. C. ..... 1885-1895 & 1899-1901
(Vice-Pres. 1899-1901)
Marquis, Mrs. G. P. 1906-1907
Marquis, Laura 1914-1920
(Home Secretary 1914-1917 & 1919-1920)
Mason, Rose 1912-1914
Matzinger, Mrs. Philip F. 1907-1913
(Home Secretary 1910-1913)
Maus, Mrs. L. M. 1911-1912
McAfee, Mrs. Cleland B. ..... 1902-1905 & 1913-1921
(Foreign Secretary 1914-1919; Vice-Pres. 1918-1921)
McAfee, Mrs. Howard B. 1913-1919
McCaughan, Mrs. W. J. 1899-1900
McClure, Mrs. A. W. 1903-1921
(Recording Secretary 1904-1912; Vice-Pres. 1917-1921)
McClure, Mrs. J. G. K. 1883-1894

McCord, Eva T. 1910-1921
McCormick, Mrs. Cyrus H. 1871-1921
(Treasurer 1972-1873; Vice-Pres. 1873-1907; Honorary Vice-Pres. 1907-1921)
McGill, Mrs. William 1899-1900
McPherson, Mrs. S. J. 1883-1899
Merriman, Mrs. H. A. 1890-1902
Millar, Mrs. Earl B. Jr. 1908-1915
(Home Secretary 1911-1914)
Mills, Mrs. Luther Laflin 1902-1904
Mitchell, Mrs. Arthur 1871-1881
Moore, Mrs. L. Pearne 1908-1917
Morgan, Mrs. H. H. 1896-1897
Moss, Edith H. 1909-1921
(Home Secretary 1915-1917)
Moss, Mrs. W. L. 1889-1909
(Foreign Secretary 1901-1908; Vice-Pres. 1908-1909)
Nelson, Mrs. C. B. 1884-1890
Nelson, Mrs. Walter 1892-1901
(Home Secretary 1892-1901)
Newell, Mrs. George K. 1913-1918
(Home Secretary 1914-1917)
Nichols, Mrs. W. A. 1874-1876
Noble, Mrs. John 1874-1878
Notman, Mrs. W. R. 1899-1902
Oliver, Mrs. J. S. ..... 1881-1884 &
(Honorary Vice-Pres. 1900-1905) 1900-1905
Parker, Isabel 1891-1903
(Foreign Secretary 1893-1894; Home Secretary 1894-1898)
Parmly, Mrs. S. 1888-1889
Patterson, Mrs. R. W. 1871-1910
(President 1871-1872; Vice-Pres. 1872-1899; Honorary Vice-Pres. 1899-1910)
Patton, Mrs. Francis L. 1880-1881
Paul, Mary Irwin 1891-1901
Pearsons, Mrs. D. K. 1874-1906
(Vice-Pres. 1888-1899; Honorary Vice-Pres. 1899-1906)
Peet, Lucy W. 1904-1909
(Foreign Secretary 1905-1907; Home Secretary 1907-1908)
Penfield, Estelle 1896-1899
Penfield, Mrs. H. D. 1880-1894
(Home Secretary 1881-1885; Vice-Pres. 1885-1888. President 1890-1894)

Perry, Mrs. S. H. 1875-1914
(Foreign Secretary 1875-1888; Vice-Pres. 1888-1902; Honorary Vice-Pres. 1902-1914)

Peterson, Mrs. William A. 1911-1913

Pfanstiehl, Mrs. A. A. 1904-1909
(Home Secretary 1905-1909)

Powell, Mrs. Ambrose V. 1907-1921
(Home Secretary 1908-1911; Recording Secretary 1912-1921)

Pratt, Mrs. N. D. 1884-1921
(Home Secretary 1885-1894; Vice-Pres. 1894-1901; Home Secretary 1900-1904; Vice-Pres. 1904-1921)

Pulsifer, Mrs. Harold 1916-1918

Ray, Mrs. E. C. 1883-1888

Reid, Alice 1895-1896

Reid, Mrs. Henry 1887-1888

Reid, Mrs. L. 1871-1874

Reynell, Mrs. A. B. ..... 1900-1902 & 1905-1907

Rhea, Mrs. S. J. 1879-1901
(Vice-Pres. 1899-1901)

Rhea, Sophie 1888-1891
(Foreign Secretary 1888-1891)

Roberts, Mrs. William C. 1887-1892

Robinson, Mrs. George L. 1899-1918
(Foreign Secretary 1902-1903; Home Secretary 1903-1907; Foreign Secretary 1908-1919)

Rockwood, Mrs. W. H. 1881-1886

Ross, Elizabeth 1897-1916

Ross, Mrs. Robert 1903-1921
(Home Secretary 1915-1917)

Rumsey, Minnie B. 1901-1921
(Home Secretary 1906-1907; 1909-1910; 1913-1915. 1917-1921)

Sarver, Martha M. 1905-1921
(Home Secretary 1906-1917; Foreign Secretary 1917-1921)

Schroeder, Mrs. Albert 1912-1921
(Foreign Secretary 1915-1918)

Scudder, Mrs. William M. 1907-1908

Selden, Mrs. Frederick L. 1913-1921

Shannon, Mrs. O. J. 1903-1907
((Home Secretary 1905-1907)

Sharp, Caroline B. 1901-1907
(Corresponding Secretary 1906-1907)
Shaw, Mrs. John Balcom 1905-1913
(Foreign Secretary 1907-1911; President 1911-1913)
Shumway, Mrs. Edward G. 1897-1921
(Foreign Secretary 1898-1915)
Skinner, Elizabeth 1883-1921
(Vice-Pres. 1899-1921)
Skinner, Ida E. 1916-1921
Smith, Mrs. Charles G. 1877-1878
Smith, Mrs. Edward B. 1913-1914
Smith, Helen H. 1916-1921
(Home Secretary 1916-1917; Foreign Secretary 1918-1921)
Smith, Mrs. Herbert 1919-1921
(Foreign Secretary 1919-1921)
Sperry, Mrs. Frederick A. 1916-1921
(Foreign Secretary 1918-1921)
Steel, Mary F. 1916-1917
Stephens, Mrs. A. H. 1907-1910
Stevens, Mrs. L. K. 1888-1915
(Foreign Secretary 1890-1902)
Stevenson, Mrs. Andrew 1907-1908
Stewart, Elizabeth 1894-1906
(Home Secretary 1894-1900; 1902-1905)
Stillwell, Mary ..... 1894-1897 &
(Foreign Secretary 1894-1895) 1909-1921
Stone, Mrs. John Timothy 1910-1921
Stryker, Mrs. M. W. 1886-1893
Swazey, Mrs. Arthur 1871-1874
Sweet, Helen 1914-1921
(Home Secretary 1917-1921)
Swift, Mrs. William H. 1888-1905
(Foreign Secretary 1897-1901; Vice-Pres. 1901-1905)
Taylor, Mrs. James H. 1873-1874
Taylor, Mrs. Robert 1914-1919
(Home Secretary 1915-1917)
Thompson, Mrs. C. L. 1878-1879
Thompson, Helen M. 1903-1904
Tillman, Mrs. H. C. 1908-1921
(Home Secretary 1910-1921)
Trowbridge, Mrs. J. H. 1901-1904
Truax, Mrs. W. B. 1873-1875
(Recording Secretary 1873-1874)

Tyler, Mrs. Alfred C. 1905-1917
(Home Secretary 1906-1907. 1910-1913; Foreign Secretary 1912-1914; Home Secretary 1914-1916)

Van Buren, Mrs. E. 1879-1891

Vawter, Mrs. William 1910-1919

Waid, Mrs. D. E. 1898-1899

Waite, Mrs. Horace 1876-1902
(Foreign Secretary 1876-1888; Vice-Pres. 1888-1899. Honorary Vice Pres. 1899-1902)

Wallace, Mrs. F. D. ..... 1888-1902 & 1905-1909

Waller, Mrs. A. Rawson 1911-1913

Waller, Mrs. Robert 1888-1911
(Home Secretary 1891-1899; Corresponding Secretary 1902-1906)

Ward, Ellen 1894-1901
(Foreign Secretary 1894-1901)

Ward, Mrs. S. D. ..... 1875-1878 &
(Vice-Pres. 1895-1901)

Webster, Mrs. J. D. 1888-1894

Welling, Mrs. J. C. 1896-1911
(Foreign Secretary 1898-1905)

Wells, Mrs. Robert 1891-1917
(Home Secretary 1895-1897; 1899-1902; Foreign Secretary 1903-1911)

Williams, Mrs. E. S. 1874-1885

Williamson, Miss 1878-1879

Williamson, Mrs. A. J. 1873-1874

Williamson, Mrs. O. R. 1911-1921
(Home Secretary 1914-1916; President 1916-1921)

Willing, Mrs. Henry 1877-1878

Wilson, Mrs. Charles A. 1894-1897
(Home Secretary 1894-1895; Foreign Secretary 1896-1897)

Wilson, Mrs. M. J. ..... 1883-1888 & 1896-1907

Wishard, Mrs. L. D. 1893-1894

Wishard, Mrs. S .E. 1880-1884

Wishart, Mrs. C. F. 1915-1920

Withrow, Mrs. 1887-1899

Wheeler, Mrs. A. D. 1887-1890
(Foreign Secretary 1887-1890)

Whitehead, Mrs. Elisha ..... 1892-1900 &
(Foreign Secretary 1898-1899) 1913-1914

Whitehead, Mrs. Jesse.....1873-1891
(Treasurer 1873-1883; Vice-Pres. 1883-1891)
Whitney, Mrs. E. H.....1884-1900
Wood, Mrs. Glen.....1871-1879
(Recording Secretary 1871-1873)
Worcester, Mrs. J. H. Jr.....1883-1892
Wright, Mrs. J. E.....1881-1883
Yaggy, Mrs. L. W.....1898-1902
(Corresponding Secretary 1900-1902)
Young, Dr. Josephine.....1918-1921

MONIES COLLECTED BY THE PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF THE NORTHWEST DURING FIFTY YEARS

Year ending April	*Receipts*	*Year ending April*	*Receipts*
1872	$ 6,074.42	1897	70,569.00
1873	9,323.58	1898	90,646.80
1874	12,731.15	1899	75,480.33
1875	18,033.36	1900	78,761.71
1876	21,496.01	1901	85,756.84
1877	25,390.79	1902	78,593.70
1878	31,368.67	1903	85,613.59
1879	32,273.13	1904	97,957.43
1880	43,288.89	1905	112,845.00
1881	54,643.85	1906	97,180.00
1882	48,310.15	1907	117,612.22
1883	55,049.20	1908	103,345.67
1884	66,047.06	1909	123,606.01
1885	59,851.49	1910	121,232.74
1886	65,779.21	1911	143,066.96
1887	67,059.82	1912	205,812.55
1888	82,472.12	1913	147,719.77
1889	80,076.81	1914	173.910.02
1890	80,643.93	1915	166,361.47
1891	90,914.15	1916	159,020.31
1892	86,308.37	1917	146,226.78
1893	91,183.54	1918	187,407.64
1894	82,812.64	1919	177,487.03
1895	75,690.57	1920	319,730.25
1896	80,001.75	Total	$4,532,768.48

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY THE WOMAN'S PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE NORTHWEST

(Maiden names are given in the case of those who went out as missionaries before marriage or in the case of second marriage.)

AFRICA

Bennett, Mrs. Albert L.....1898-1899
Brier, Mrs. Burgess B.....1889-1890
Campbell, Mrs. Graham.....1880-1887
Carr, Mrs. Alvin B.....1912-1922
Christie, Elizabeth A.....1911-1916
Cozzens, Mrs. Edwin (2)....1919-
(Lucia Hammond)
Eick, Verna E.....1911-
Gocker, Marie 1914-1920
Good, Mrs. A. I.....1918-
Hansen, Mrs. Oscar A.....1909-1911
Harding, Mary L.....1882-1889
Heminger, Mrs. L. D.....1912-1921
Hoisington, Mrs. Herbert....1914-
Hope, Mrs. Frederick (2)..1911-
(Roberta Brown)
Kapteyn, Mrs. Pieter J.....1913-1923
Knauer, Mrs. Frederick G...1898-1904
(Addie Halle)
Laible, Hilde 1912-1918
McCleary, Mrs. C. W.....1903-
McMillan, Mrs. John.....1890-1892
Menkel, Mrs. Peter (3).....1892-1906
(Louise Babe)
Murphy, Mrs. Samuel.....1871-1874
Neal, Mrs. Frederick W.....1911-
Roberts, Mrs. Oscar.....1894-1896
Schwab, Mrs. George.....1905-
Senska, Mrs. Frank R.....1912-1918 &
1921-1929

BRAZIL

Anderson, Mrs. Harold C.....1910-
Carnahan, Mrs. C. C.....1912-1929
Carriel, Mrs. Charles A.....1911-1917
Coleman, Mrs. George T.....1915- ?
Da Gama, Eva.....1876-1891
Houston, Mrs. James (2)....1881-1885
(Sophie Dale)
Johnson, Helga.....1915- ?
McPherson, Anna Belle.....1901-1910
Wood, Mrs. Walter (1).....1916-1921
(Grace L. Brown)

CHILE

Boomer, Mrs. William B.....1887-1924
Curtiss, Mrs. S. W.....1875-1886
Ibanez, Mrs.....1875-1877
McLean, Mrs. James H.....1906-1918
Smith, Mrs. Jesse S.....1903-
Spining, Mrs. Charles M...1895-1927 &
1932-
Van Eaton, Mrs. John P.....1919-

CHINA

Allured, Mrs. Paul J.....1911-1916
Allyn, Harriet M.....1913-1923
Althaus, Mrs. C. P.....1911-1928
Anderson, Emma.....1887-1896
Bergen, Mrs. Paul.....1883-1892
(Mary I. McKinney)
Berst, Mrs. William (2)..1909-1925 &
(Leada B. Newman).....1929-
Birkel, Mrs. A. H.....1913-1928 &
(Lulu A. Francis) 1930-
Boehne, Emma S.....1903-
Booth, Mrs. William.....1905-
(Elsie B. Harrod)
Brack, Edna M.....1914-1916
Brack, Ruth A.....1914-
Braskamp, Christina J.....1911-1929
Brown, Mrs. J. Warner.....1918-1923
Brown, Dr. Mary E.....1889-1900
Bruce, Mrs. G. G.....1903-1904
Buswell, Mrs. Calvin E.....1919-1928

Byers, Mrs. George D.....1912-1925
Cassatt, Mrs. Paul.....1915-1925
Chaney, Florence J.....1912-1919
Chapin, Mae.....1913-1935
Chestnut, Dr. Eleanor.....1894-1905
Christmann, Helen F.....1913-
Corbett, Mrs. Hunter (2)..1875-1888
(Mrs. Mary C. Nixon)
Cunningham, Mrs. Alex.....1890-1933
Daniels, Mrs. J. H.....1919-
Davies, Mrs. L. J.....1892-1909 & 1915-1935
De Jong, Nettie R.....1914-
Dodd, Mrs. A. B.....1904-1935
Dowling, Mrs. Philip H.....1913-1927
Downing, Calista B.....1866-1880
Dresser, Ellen E.....1894-1931
Duncan, Margaret B.....1903-
Eames, Susan F.....1909-
Ellington, Minta L.....1910-1919
Ewers, Mrs. Ernest M.....1916-1928
Faris, Mrs. Paul P.....1905-1914
Faris, Mrs. Wallace S.....1896-1907
Farnham, Mrs. John M.....1859-1913
Farnham, Lizzie D.....1882-1885
Fulton, Mrs. A. A.....1882-1922
Fulton, Grace.....1917-1935
Fulton, Mrs. Philip R.....1917-1922
Gelwicks, Mrs. George L.....1901-
Gray, Mrs. Alfred V.....1907-1924
Guffin, Alice I.....1912-1917
Hackett, Dr. Martha.....1913-1923
Hayes, Mrs. J. Newton.....1882-1923
Heeren, Mrs. J. J.....1912-
Holt, Mrs. W. S.....1873-1885
Howe, Anna L.....1896-1899
Johnson, Mrs. C. F.....1889-1933
Johnson, Mrs. Erving L.....1905-1919 & 1923-
Jones, Margaret J.....1901-1905
Jones, Margaret V.....1913-1916
Lair, Mrs. Howell P.....1914-
Larson, Dr. Anna.....1892-1897
Laughlin, Mrs. John (2)....1878-1899
(Jennie Anderson)
Lazear, Mrs. E. T.....1913-1917
Leyenberger, Mrs. J. A.....1865-1896
Lindholm, Elfrida A.....1895-1910
Lingle, Mrs. William (1)....1890-1893
(Martha Smith)
Lingle, Mrs. William (2)....1889-1932
(Mrs. E. G. Ritchie)
Locke, Mrs. W. T. (1).....1903-1910
(Emma Roehl)
Lyons, Mrs. J. R.....1913-1922
Mateer, Mrs. Calvin (2).....1900-1924
(Ada Haven)
Mateer, Mrs. Robert (1)....1881-1886
(Sadie Archibald)
Mateer, Mrs. Robert (2).....1889-1933
(Dr. Madge Dickson)
Mattox, Mrs. E. L.....1893-1934
McCoy, Bessie C.....1896-
McKee, Mrs. W. J.....1876-1894
(Abbie Ketchum)
Melrose, Mrs. John C.....1890-1933
Melrose, Mrs. Paul.....1916-
Miller, Mrs. J. A.....1894-1930
Mitchell, Dr. Alice.....1888- ?
Moninger, Margaret M.....1915-
Moomau, Antoinette.....1899-1907
Ogilvie, Mrs. Charles L.....1911-1922
Partch, Mrs. Virgil F.....1888-1900
Perry, Mrs. Edward W.....1918-1921 &
(See Siam also) 1923-1925
Ramsay, Mrs. Hugh C.....1913-1921
Reed, Mrs. Charles E.....1896-1901
Ricketts, Juniata.....1901-
Ross, Mrs. Robert M. (1)..1903-1923
(Nellie M. Read)
Schaeffer, Katherine L.....1894-1931
Schmucker, Alice J.....1878-1879
Scott, Mrs. Charles E.....1906-
Shoemaker, Mrs. J. E.....1894-1935
Silver, Emma.....1895-1934
Sinclair, Dr. Marian E.....1888-1894
Smith, Christina M.....1917-1924
Smith, Mrs. Elleroy M.....1916-
Smith, Mrs. Harry Lee.....1916-1920
Stevenson, Mrs. Merle Q.....1912-1926

Stroh, Harriet 1919-
Thompson, Mrs. Kenneth..1915-1916 & 1918-1934
Throop, Mrs. Frank H.....1909-1926
Tiffany, Ida R.....1881-1882
Towne, Edith E.....1914-1917
Van Everā, Mrs. Kepler.....1912-
Waite, Mrs. Alexander.....1899-1907
(Dr. Edna Parks)
Walmsley, Evelyn M.....1916-1934
Ward, Fannie E.....1884-1888
Wolferz, Mrs. Louis E.....1918-
Wylie, Mrs. John H.....1915-

CHOSEN

Adams, Mrs. J. E. (2).....1912-1921
(Caroline Babcock)
Anderson, Helen W.....1917-1922
Arbuckle, Victoria C.....1892-1896
Baird, Mrs. William (2)....1918-
(Rose M. Fetterolf)
Barrett, Mrs. William M.....1904-1907
(Elizabeth Carson)
Bekins, Elizabeth B.....1915-1919
Brown, Mrs. Hugh, M.D.....1891-1895
Brown, Mary E.....1903-1906
Chase, Maria L.....1896-1911
Clark, Mrs. Charles A.....1902-
Coen, Mrs. Roscoe.....1918-
Crothers, Mrs. John Y.....1911-
Edgerton, Faye E.....1918-1923
Erdman, Mrs. Walter C.....1907-1931
(Julia K. Winn)
Genso, Mrs. John F.....1908-
Gillis, Mrs. Ansel W.....1913-1919
Hartness, Marian E.....1918-
Hunt, Mrs. William B. (1)..1898-1905
(Bertha V. Finley)
Ingerson, Vera F.....1916-
Kearns, Mrs. Carl E.....1902-1907
Leck, Mrs. George.....1900-1902
Lee, Mrs. Graham.....1894-1912
Lewis, Margo Lee.....1910-
Miller, Mrs. Edward H.....1901-
(Mattie M. Henry)
Miller, Mrs. Frederick (2)..1889-1931
(Susan A. Doty)
Miller, Mrs. Frederick (3)..1916-
(Lillian M. Dean)
Mills Mrs. Ralph G.....1908-1918
Moore, Mrs. S. F.....1892-1907
Mowry, Mrs. Eli M.....1909-
Null, Mrs. Marion, M.D.....1903-1907
Pieters, Mrs. Alex. (1).....1904-1906
(Elizabeth Campbell)
(See P. I.)
Pieters, Mrs. Alex. (2).....1897-1932
(Dr. Eva Field)
Pollard, Harriet E.....1911-
Ross, Mrs. Cyril.....1897-
Sawtell, Mrs. Chase C.....1907-1911
Sidebotham, Mrs. Richard....1899-1909
Smith, Mrs. Roy K.....1911-
Snook, Velma Lee.....1900-1936
Stevens, Blanche I.....1911-
Swallen, Olivette R.....1915-
Swallen, Mrs. William L.....1892-1932
Switzer, Martha 1911-
Taylor, Helen I.....1908-
Toms, Mrs. J. U. S.....1908-1924
Underwood, Mrs. Horace....1888-1921
(Dr. Lillian S. Horton)
Whiting, Mrs. Henry C.....1903-1918
Winn, Mrs. Roger E.....1909-1926

COLOMBIA, S.A.

Crocker, Mrs. Thomas.....1912-1927
Hoogestraat, Christine V.....1916-1922
Mackintosh, Eliza E.....1886-1888
Sayer, Florence M.....1916-1923
Smith, Florence E.....1895-1900
Touzeau, Mrs. John G.....1886-1907
Walker, Mrs. Roy W.....1904-1906
Warren, Mrs. Charles E.....1904-1918
(Mary L. Freeman)
Williams, Mrs. Charles S.....1907-1923

GUATEMALA, S. A.

Allison, Mrs. William B.....1903-1922
Bodman, Mary E.....1904-1905
Burgess, Mrs. Paul.....1913-
Gates, Mrs. William F.....1893-1902
Gregg, Dr. Mary E.....1906-1916
Iddings, Mrs. Daniel Y.....1889-1893
Sullenberger, Mrs. Lenn P...1911-
York, Henrietta S.....1913-1918

INDIA

Bacon, Julia M.....1872-1882
Bandy, Mrs. Charles H.....1894-1925
Bergen, Mrs. George S.....1869-1887
Binford, Dr. Nellie.....1903-1909
Campbell, Amelia 1875-1878
Clark, Mrs. Walter J.....1893-1932
Colman, Jennie L.....1890-1903
Dennis, Maye Annette.....1917-
Downs, Carrie C.....1881-1914
Downs, Harriet A.....1919-1934
Dudgeon, Mrs. Winfield S...1912-1933
Dunbar, Mrs. George (1)....1910-1919
(Lena Ruchti)
Eldredge, Mrs. Mark.....1911-1914
Enders, Mrs. Emanuel A...1903-1910 & 1915-1921
Fairchild, Allie M.....1912-1917
Fife, Mrs. Elmer E.....1903-1932
Fish, Iva Maye.....1916-
Fisher, Mrs. Howard.....1896-1899
Fleming, Mrs. Daniel J.....1904-1914
Forman, Mrs. Charles Jr.....1887-1924
Given, Margaret M.....1881-1918
Goheen, Mrs. John L.....1911-
Hendrix, Mrs. Everett J.....1919-1927
Heston, Dr. Winifred E.....1902-1910
Inglis, Henrietta J.....1915-
Irwin, Rachel.....1890-1898
Jenks, Jennie Edith.....1901-1917
Johnson, Bertha G.....1902-1909
Johnson, Josephine C.....1901-1905
Kelso, Mrs. Alexander P.....1870-1916
Lawson, Mary B.....1887-1888
Love, Mrs. Robert B.....1912-
Lucas, Mrs. James J.....1871-1922
(Eva Sly)
Lyon, Mrs. Wilbur H.....1918-
(Mary Alice Kirby)
McCuskey, Mrs. Frank B...1902-
McGaughey, Hester 1898-1904
McGaw, Mrs. Albert G.....1894-1930
Moore, Mrs. Alfred W. (1) 1911-1924
(Louise Beach)
Morrison, Henrietta.....1865-1876
Morrison, Mrs. W. J. (1)....1879-1888
(Louisa Thackwell)
Morrow, Margaret J.....1890-1913
Napp, Mrs. James E.....1916-
Newton, Mrs. Fred J.....1914-
Ogden, Mrs. Glenn B.....1916-
Paisley, Mary E.....1913-1922
Patterson, Margaret E.....1902-1911
Patton, Esther E.....1880-1914
Pederson, Mrs. Erwin L.....1919-
(Wilma Eustis)
Pendleton, Lizzie M.....1882-1888
Pratt, Mary E.....1872-1923
Rader, Alma F.....1916-1917
Robinson, Mary E.....1907-1914
Seiler, Clara L.....1909-
Strahler, Mrs. Milton W.....1913-
Stebbins, Abbie M.....1893-1905
Stevens, Mrs. John E.....1919-1930
Thompson, Mrs. Charles D...1912-1927
Wanless, Mrs. William (2)..1904-1929
(Mrs. Lillian Havens)
Warren, Mrs. Joseph (2)....1872-1904
(Dr. Mary Potter)
Weld, Mrs. William E.....1909-1921
Whitlock, Mrs. Herbert A...1907-
Wilson, Mrs. Alexander S...1896-1928
Wilson, Mrs. Ross L.....1914-
Wiser, Mrs. William H.....1916-

INDIANS IN THE U.S.A.

Baldwin, Eliza J.....1876-1885
Ball, Dora.....1884-1885
Bryant, Nellie.....1881-1882
Calhoun, E.....1873-1875
Chapin, E. M.....1883-1885

Copley, Jeannette.....1882-1883
Dougherty, Cornelia A.....1884- ?
Dougherty, Susie.....1873- ?
Ells, Minnie E.....1885- ?
Estill, Mary.....1880-1881
Fetter, M. C.....1881- ?
Greene, Lillian.....1880-1882
Jennings, Mary 1880-1882
Keyes, Lydia.....1885-1887
La Flesche, Rosalie.....1879-1880
MacClarry, Marion 1879-1884
Miller, Abbie L.....1881- ?
Robertson, Mrs. A. E.....1850-1861 & 1866-1887
Russell, Nancy 1872-1874
Shephard, Martha A.....1885-1886
Skea, Anna.....1884-1889
Sterling, Mrs. G. C.....1886- ?

IRAN

Ainslee, Mrs. John A.....1881-1898
Alexander, Mrs. Edgar W...1882-1892
Allen, Mrs. Eli T.....1894-1897 &
(May Wallace) 1911-1923
Bassett, Sarah J.....1875-1888
Beaber, Lillie B.....1899-
Bird, Mrs. Frederick L.....1913-1922
(Mira Sutherland)
Bradford, Flora L.....1907-1908
Bradford, Dr. Mary E.....1888-1909
Brashear, Mrs. Turner G.....1890-1899
Carey, Agnes 1880-1884
Clark, Mary A.....1880-1885 & 1892-1898
Coan, Elizabeth Veech.....1914-1919
Coan, Mrs. George W.....1849-1874
Cook, Mrs. Joseph W.....1913-1920 &
(Alice O. Ensign) 1929-1932
Cowden, Margaret L.....1915-
Dean, Jennie .....1860-1894 & 1899-1904
DeWitt, Mrs. Eugene K.....1911-1915
Donaldson, Mrs. D. M. (2) 1910-
(Elizabeth Allen)
Esselstyn, Mrs. Louis F.....1887-1918
Fleming, Dr. Mary R.....1915-1920
Frame, Mrs. John D.....1912-
(Grace J. Murray)
Funk, Mrs. John A.....1891-
(Susanna Leinbach)
Gifford, Mrs. Burt S.....1913-
Hansen, Mrs. Carl C.....1893-1897
(Lillian D. Reinhart) (See Siam)
Hargrave, Mrs. Arthur A...1884-1887
(Marion S. Moore)
Holliday, Margaret Y.....1883-1920
Holmes, Mrs. George (1)....1874-1890
(Eliza Wisner)
Holmes, Mrs. George (2)....1892-1899
(Lucy C. Hale)
Jessup, Mrs. Frederick N.....1910-1931
(Helen T. Grove)
Jewett, Mary.....1871-1907
McCampbell, Letitia H.....1891-1899
McDowell, Mrs. E W. (2)..1918-1922
(Margaret Dean)
McKinney, Georgia L.....1916-
Medbery, Harriet L.....1892-1900
Melton, Annie P.....1888-1897
Miller, Dr. Emma T.....1891-1909
Morgan, Maria 1885-1889
Murray, Florence E.....1913-
Oldfather, Mrs. Jeremiah....1872-1891
Orcutt, Dr. Edna C.....1911-1914
Peet, Gertrude 1917-1929
Pittman, Mrs. Charles R.....1902-
(Lucille Drake)
Poage, Annie E.....1875-1880
Smith, Dr. Mary J.....1889-1923
Stead, Mrs. Francis M.....1900-1922
(Dr. Blanche Wilson)
St. Pierre, Mrs. Edward.....1887-1895
Torrence, Mrs. W. W.....1881-1891
Van Hook, Mrs. Loretta..1876-1894 & 1902-1916
Wilson, Mrs. Samuel G.....1886-1916
Wishard, Mrs. John G. (1)..1893-1899
(Annebette Bryan)

JAPAN

Ayres, Mrs. James B.....1888-1917
Chapman, Mrs. Ernest M.....1916-
(Katherine Arbury)
Dosker, Mrs. Richard J.....1916-1926
Daugherty, Lena G.....1915-
Eaton, Alma G.....1918-1931
Eldred, Caroline E.....1877-1880
Evans, Elizabeth M.....1911-
Fisher, Mrs. Charles M.....1883-1891
Garvin, Ann E.....1882-1922
Glenn, Grace Curtiss.....1898-1904
Hail, Mrs. Alexander D.....1878-1914
Hail, Annie M. N.....1908-1912
Halsey, Lila S.....1904-
Haworth, Alice R.....1887-1907
Hawworth, Mrs. B. C.....1887-1906
Hayes, Mrs. Marshall C.....1887-1892
Hesser, Mary K.....1882-1894
Johnson, Mrs. Weston (1)..1902-1915
(Sarah MacLeod)
Johnson, Mrs. Weston (2)..1916-1918
(Louise E. Frees)
Lafferty, Cora B.....1888-1889
Lake, Mrs. Leo C.....1916-
Larsen, Evelyn.....1917-1919
Leavitt, Julia Latimer.....1881-1926
Leonard, Mrs. John M.....1888-1894
Mayo, Lucy E.....1901-1908
McCrory, Carrie H.....1912-
McDonald, Mary D.....1911-
Monk, Alice M.....1904-
Murray, Mrs. David A.....1902-1924
Naylor, Mrs. Laura M.....1886-1899
Nivling, Marion.....1899-1902
Palmer, Antoinette 1914-1916
Porter, Mrs. James B.....1883-1900
(Dr. Sarah K. Cummings)
Reischauer, Mrs. August K. 1905-
Settlemayer, Emma M.....1894-1903
Shaw, Kate.....1889-1904
Sherman, Mary B.....1902-1918
Taylor, Mrs. Alfred G.....1888-1894
Todd, Ethel N.....1913-1918
Vaughn, Mrs. Arthur P.....1904-1907
Ward, Isabelle M.....1901-1919
Warner, Antoinette 1885-1888
(See Siam)
Whitener, Mrs. Henry C.....1914-1924
(Katherine Graham)
Winn, Mrs. Thomas C.....1877-1912
Worley, Mrs. John C.....1899-1915

MEXICO

Beall, Mrs. M. E. (2).....1879-1892
(Mary E. Cochrane)
Brown, Mrs. Hubert W.....1884-1906
(Mary W. Jacob)
Campbell, Mrs. Charles D.....1893-1907
Cathcart, Rena B.....1906-1914
Cheney, Mrs. Alfred G.....1917-1923
Cochran, Abbie D.....1879-1882
Coopwood, Mrs. Effie M.....1884-1885
Dodds, Mrs. James A.....1893-1895
Elliott, Mabel.....1887-1891
Elliott, Mrs. Newell J.....1907-1924
Johnson, Edna.....1892-1903
King, Mrs. Lorin H.....1917-1921
McDermid, Mary 1897-1909
Nicholson, Mrs. W. D.....1878- ?
Ogden, Mrs. Rollo.....1882-1883
Petran, Mrs. Charles.....1902-1923
Wallace, Mrs. William.....1895-1926
Ward, Fannie.....1885-1888
Wheeler, Jennie.....1888-1922
Williams, Mrs. Calvin S.....1893-1912
Woods, Mrs. James G.....1892-1896

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

Berger, Mrs. Herman R.....1915-1924
Brinton, Mrs. Elizabeth S.....1906-1909
Brown, Mrs. Roy H.....1902-1923 &
1932-
Chapman, Mrs. James W.....1916-
Heflin, Mrs. Clyde E.....1919-
Lamb, Mrs. John H.....1904-1909
McDonald, Mrs. K. (1).....1913-1924
(Alice E. Compton)
Pieters, Mrs. Alexander A...1902-1904
(See Chosen)
Smith, Mrs. William J.....1913-

Snook, Mrs. Jason E.....1903-1907
Swanson, Ruth P.....1919-

SIAM

Beach, Mrs. William H.....1912-
Bissell, Edna I.....1899-1906
Briggs, Mrs. William (2)....1892-1919
(Annabelle King)
Buck, Edith M.....1903-1921
Campbell, Mrs. Howard (2) 1906-
(Mrs. Carl Shellman)
Campbell, Mary M.....1878-1881
Conybeare, Mrs. Samuel E...1909-1911
Cooper, Mrs. Alvin W. (2)..1890-1927
(Sarah E. Parker)
Cort, Mrs. Edwin C.....1904-
(Mabel Gilson)
Crooks, Mrs. Charles H.....1904-
Eakin, Mrs. John A. (1)....1880-1897
(Laura A. Olmstead)
Eakin, Mrs. John A. (2)....1896-1925
(Mrs. F. J. Lyman)
Eakin, Mrs. Paul A.....1916-
(Gertrude I. Shearer)
Eckels, Mrs. Charles E.....1891-1929
(Margaret Galt)
Ellinwood, Alice J.....1911-
Fleeson, Kate N.....1888-1905
Fuller, Mrs. Graham.....1915-
Galt, Annabel 1891-1934
Hansen, Mrs. Carl C.....1897-1909
(See Iran)
Hartwell, Mary E.....1879-1884
Hays, Mrs. T. H.....1884-1891
(Jennie Neilson)
Irwin, Alta E.....1915-1916
Mason, Mrs. Claude W.....1906-1923
McClure, Helen F.....1914-
McKean, Mrs. James W.....1889-1931
McKee, Mrs. John A.....1899-1902
Park, Mrs. David.....1899-1908
Peoples, Mrs. Samuel C.....1882-1920
Perry, Mrs. Edward W...1917-1918 &
(Martha Taylor) 1921-1923
(See China)
Ricketts, Anna M.....1893-1896
Small, Jennie.....1886-1891
Spilman, Mrs. Edward M...1912-1917
Taylor, Mrs. Hugh (1).....1888-1925
(Dora Martin)
Taylor, Mrs. Hugh (2)....1893-1902 &
(Julia A. Hatch) 1915-1933
Van Metre, Mrs. Paul W.....1913-1918
Vincent, Mrs. Howell S.....1903-1920
Walker, Mrs. Charles (1)..1904-1906
(Carrie L. Yutz)
Walker, Mrs. Charles (2)....1911-1913
(Winnett E. Johnson)
Warner, Antoinette.....1882-1885
(See Japan)

SYRIA

Barber, Alice S.....1919-
Bird, Mrs. William.....1853-1902
Boyes, Mrs. Henry R.....1920-
Brown, Rebecca M.....1885-1892
Calhoun, Mrs. Simeon H.....1849-1885
Calhoun, Susie 1879-1885
Cundall, Fannie 1879-1883
Doolittle, Mrs. George C.....1893-1923
Hunting, Bernice.....1896-1920
Jessup, Mrs. Henry H. (2)..1868-1882
(Harriet E. Dodge)
Johnston, Mrs. William L...1879-1880
Nicol, Mrs. James H.....1905-
Scherer, Mrs. George H.....1913-

VENEZUELA

Chappel, Mrs. Merlyn A.....1917-1918
Darley, Mrs. Frederick F...1912-1926
Phillips, Mrs. Clarence A.....1919-